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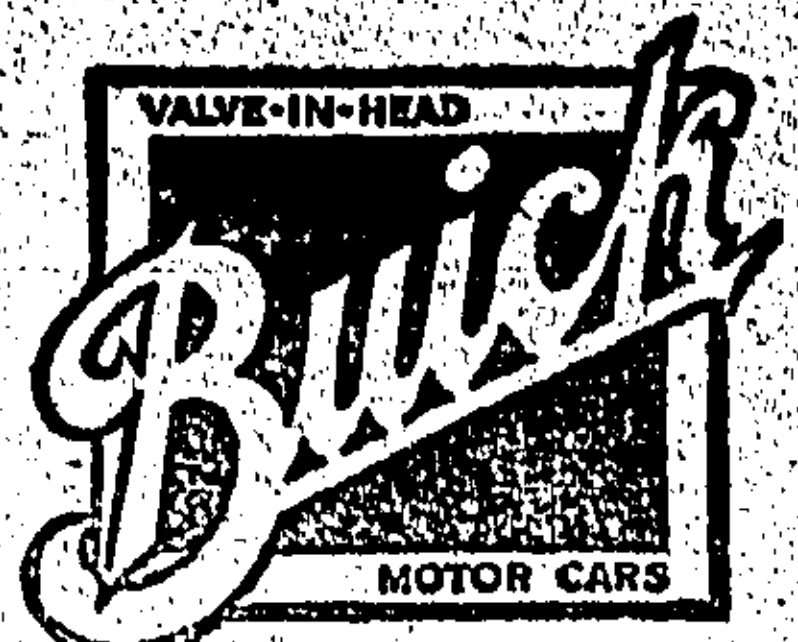
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SWATOW COMMUNISTS ACTIVE.

SCHEME FOR SETTING UP A SOVIET.

"HUMAN HEADS" MEETINGS IN RED DISTRICT.

EXECUTION GANGS BUSY.

The *Telegraph's* correspondent at Swatow reports considerable uneasiness at that port, owing to the activities of Communist organisations. It is said that a system of signals has been devised between "Red" sympathisers and the central organisation which would be the centre for an attack on the police and the setting up of a Soviet. Whilst there are troops in the city, such a movement might only be a flash in the pan, but it might cause temporary disturbances of a serious character.

Increased activity by Communists in the Hai-Luk Fung districts is reported. At Hothien, which the "Reds" have captured, the execution gangs have been instructed to account for twenty heads a day, whilst "Human Heads" meetings have been arranged, at which mutilations and executions take place and the heads of victims are arrayed on the platforms from which speeches are delivered.

Further details are to hand of the killing of Christians at Swabue on Christmas Day, a number of pathetic instances being recorded.

SWABUE ANTI-CHRISTIAN CAMPAIGN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Jan. 3.

There is considerable uneasiness among Chinese business men in Swatow at present, but whether due to the continued excesses of the Communists in the Hai-Luk Fung districts, or to well-founded news of Communist organisations in the port itself, it is difficult to say. There is trouble within the local Kuomintang circles, and in particular the Labour Unions are getting restive.

Pamphlets have been put out pointing out that in the suppression of Communism by the Kuomintang the labour class have been thrust back into a depressed position, and are in fact, ranked among those who have been "la tau" (the cry "down with" which heads all party slogans at present).

"Red" Signals.

There is reported to be a system of signals between "Red" sympathisers, both individual and organisations, and one central organisation under a disguised name which would be the centre for an attack on the police and the setting up of a Soviet. While, however, there are troops in the port nothing of this sort could succeed as more than a flash in the pan, although there might be a temporary serious disturbance.

At present there are said to be some two thousand soldiers of the 11th Army here, including a battery of artillery, and the Fui-yung with two smaller war-vessels are in the harbour.

Much depends on what the secret arrangement is to Chang Fat-kwai and his men. If, as is said, a road is to be left open for him to return north and join the expedition through the Yangtze, will his route be through Swatow, and what will be the attitude of Chan Ming-shi's 11th Army to him? That Army is reported as going to oppose him, but no word comes of any engagement, any more than of its activity against Hai-Luk Fung. On the other hand, a rumour says that Chang Fat-kwai has reached Haifung and that the Communists have fled. One could wish that to be true; but, if it is, the question for Swatow remains—Will his further advance be opposed or not?

An artillery unit arrived by sea on Saturday, and left for Canton by Kityang and Thanghang.

Press Gang Busy.

The press gang has been hard at work recruiting burden bearers for the large numbers of troops on the move, and workmen have been afraid to venture out on the streets; for, although a comparatively high wage is promised, the uncertainty of the job, the fear of being away from the family, and the likelihood of being drafted in to swell the numbers of the companies, make it a very unpopular service. A number of vessels were held up for some days, owing to the impossibility of getting coolie labour.

The Hai-Luk Fung Communists have got a step nearer to the Chaochow region by the capture of Hothien. More troops are reported to have taken the field against them, but there is so far no news of any engagement; nor is there hope of a really effective clearing up of the Communist stronghold.

Reign of Terror.

The reign of terror continues and at Hothien one of the special assemblies which is now known as the "Human Heads Meeting" has been arranged. This means that at a large open-air meeting, which all must attend, mutilation and execution are carried out, the heads arrayed on the platform, and speeches made.

The Swatow newspapers have refrained from giving any report of the atrocities at Swabue on Christmas Day, or of the rescue of the Catholic Mission by H. M. S. Seraph. Father Wong has come up to Swatow and is staying at the Catholic Mission here.

The English Presbyterian Mission anxiously awaits news of the fate of Chinese Christians of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Swabue. The Church and Mission premises are reported to have been sealed and the preaching of Christianity forbidden. The hospital is believed to have been left open; the assistant in charge failed to get away, and some of the students have been compelled to go as doctors with the Communist forces, a very perilous position.

Christians Exiged.

So far, reports come of the death of at least ten Christians belonging to different congregations, but the charges on which they were done to death were not exclusively that of being Christian. The wife of a medical man in Swabue was held prisoner, and instructed to get a sum of \$10,000 remitted by her husband, who had fled to Hongkong. The money was not forthcoming, and the unfortunate woman was executed, and her body re-disembled.

An elder in another congregation had in earlier days unwisely joined the Communist Society, and during their excesses this time uttered a mild protest. He was promptly arrested and killed.

On Christmas Eve, four Christians were executed at Namting. One had taken an active part against the Communist organisation in his native village at Tang-sua. He was an ex-preacher, and had been head of the Middle School at Swabue. The chapel in Tang-sua was burnt, this man's father was shot, and his family put in prison; he himself fled in disguise, but was evidently apprehended later. With him was a preacher who only a few days ago was in Swatow to take his son home from school, and who, against the advice of his friends, insisted on returning to Hai-Luk Fung. He must have been arrested.

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TO OUTLAW WAR.

AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO FRANCE.

A WORLD-WIDE INVITATION.

Washington, Jan. 3.
The French Government is studying a United States' Memorandum regarding a new Franco-American arbitration treaty to replace the Elihu Root treaty which expires next February.

It is suggested that the preamble of the new treaty should declare a policy against war while the document itself should provide that all disputes (except domestic, or affecting a third Power, or arising out of the Monroe Doctrine) shall be submitted to the Hague Court.

The proposals are regarded as a model for arbitration treaties with other nations, including Britain, where it is learned in London that they would undoubtedly receive favourable consideration.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Sweeping Proposal.

Washington, Jan. 3.
The State Department has published the text of a formal invitation to France to join with the United States in proposing to all the principal world Powers a comprehensive treaty containing a declaration renouncing war as an instrument of national policy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later.
The invitation was forwarded to Paris on December 28th as a preamble to the draft treaty to replace the Root Arbitration Treaty with France, which expires on February 27th.

A copy of the draft is being sent to the British and Japanese Governments and will eventually be sent to all Governments with which the United States has the Root Arbitration Treaty.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Careful Study Needed.

Paris, Jan. 3.
M. Briand, in his reply to Mr. Kellogg, is gratified that the latter approves the French suggestion to outlaw war, but says if the treaty is extended to nations besides France and America, the question will require careful study to ensure the rights of nations interested in the League Covenant and so that existing treaties may be in no wise prejudiced.—*Reuter.*

More Information Sought.

Paris, Jan. 3.
Regarding the renewal of the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty, M. Briand accepts Mr. Kellogg's proposed text, but requests precise information on several points, particularly concerning the position that would arise if the American Senate refused to ratify the arbitration undertaking, also regarding the scope of the reservation excluding an arbitration dispute in which a third Power is implicated.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH MONEY MARKET.

GOLD IMPORT DUTY TO GO.

Paris, Jan. 3.
Provisional returns show that to December 15th, the revenue exceeded the expenditure by 26,125,000.

The Government has introduced legislation with a view to the abolition of the import duty on gold imports, whether specie or bullion, as it considers it indispensable that the gold market should be re-established.

The sole consequence of the exemption will probably be to enable the Bank of France to exercise the necessary control over the money market.—*Reuter.*

PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

FIRST MEETING ARRANGED.

London, Jan. 3.
The first joint conference between the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and a group of employers to obtain peace in industry, has been fixed for January 12th.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has already appointed a sub-committee to discuss and draft the proposals to be submitted to the conference.—*British Wireless.*

A BIG BLAZE AT SWATOW.

HUNDRED MATCHED HUTS DESTROYED.

MORE DESTITUTE REFUGEES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Dec. 30.

On Christmas morning a fierce fire was seen blazing on the filled-in land opposite Messrs. Bradley and Co's premises. A huge column of black smoke floated out over the ships which were lying in the harbour and decorated for the season, and in the midst of it the red flames glowed and crackled.

The outbreak was among the matched huts which form the dwellings of so many of the poorer class of the population, and cover all available waste land. About a hundred of them were consumed before the fire could be controlled, and their unfortunate inhabitants go to swell the large number of destitute refugees in the port.

It was fortunate that the breeze was blowing from the land, and the path of the conflagration was

NANKING APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. C. C. Wu to Visit America.

Shanghai, Jan. 4.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and several members of the Kuomintang C.E.C. left for Nanking this morning.

Mr. T. V. Soong has been officially appointed Finance Minister of the Nanking Government, and Mr. Sun Fo as Minister of Construction, which is apparently a new portfolio.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi is appointed acting Foreign Minister during the absence of Mr. C. C. Wu, who has been appointed special delegate to America to negotiate a Treaty between the Nationalist Government and the United States.

It is understood that Dr. Wang, Cheng-ting has been offered the Foreign portfolio, but has at present not accepted it.—*Reuter.*

thus stopped by the sea, otherwise the damage might have compared with the far earlier in the year which devastated so large an area. The Municipality is attempting to gather all these poor dwellings into one district separated from the town, but it remains to be seen if they can carry it out. Rents are so high and the population of the port so rapidly on the increase that the housing of the large numbers who come to seek their fortune here and who are dependent on casual employment is under present conditions an almost insoluble problem.

RECORD SEAPLANE SPEED.

WEBSTER'S OFFICIAL FIGURE.

London, Jan. 3.
The International Aeronautical Association has cabled the Royal Aero Club officially crediting Flight Lieutenant Webster, the Schneider Trophy winner, with the world's speed record for seaplanes over 100 kilometres, with a speed of 456.222 kilometres per hour.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY STRIKE.

10,000 MILL WORKERS IDLE.

Bombay, Jan. 3.
As the result of a lightning strike of employees in four mills, following the introduction of measures of economy, 10,000 people are idle.—*Reuter.*

KWANGTUNG WAR.

SOME EAST RIVER SKIRMISHES.

CANTON'S FINANCE PROBLEM.

Apart from a number of small skirmishes, it is believed that so far there have been no hostilities between the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops in the East River district. The large number of "Ironside" troops which were concentrated at Sheklung two days ago, have abandoned the city, retreating north-eastward. A considerable detachment has arrived at Waichow, which is regarded as one of the most important strategic points in eastern Kwangtung. Another party of "Ironsides" has captured Peklo, to the east of Sheklung.

An army of 25,000 men, consisting of 16 regiments, is the estimated total of the "Ironsides" now occupying various parts of the East River basin. Though strong numerically, it is believed that they lack unity of control, and if General Li Chai-sum should assign an adequate force to pursue the "Ironsides" on the East River from the lower course while the armies of General Chan Ming-shi, Chien Ta-chun and Chan Chai-tong co-operate in preventing the retreating forces from going further up the river, then the "Ironsides" will be in a precarious position.

"Ironsides" Ajm.

The capture of Chaochow and Swatow, two of the most flourishing cities in the district, has been the aim of the "Ironsides" since the news that the troops of General Wang Shao-hung were pouring down from the West and East Rivers reached Canton about a week ago. The "Ironsides" knew that to hold Canton and the West River districts would be an impossibility when public opinion at Canton became so bitter against them in consequence of the "Red" insurrection. But to hold at least a part if not the whole of Kwangtung, has been their desire, and so the Chaochow and Swatow districts have attracted the attention of the "Leftist" militarists.

In present circumstances, the financial resources of Canton have been sapped dry by the "Leftist" Government, and it is stated that it would be easier to raise funds for troop maintenance in Chaochow and Swatow than at Canton.

Li Chai-sum's Plan.

Whether the "Ironsides" will be able to capture Chaochow and Swatow is a moot point for it said to have been planned by Li Chai-sum that from Swatow the Kwangsi units will attack the "Ironsides" on the East River in three directions.

The Fukien General Chan Ming-shi will take charge of the left wing and it is reported that the vanguards of General Chan's army have already arrived in the vicinity of Haifung and Lukfung. Chan Chai-tong one of the chief lieutenants of Li Chai-sum, is to direct the central route, but it is said that his army is still on the upper East River and that it will take some time before it will encounter the "Ironsides."

Operations on the right wing, under General Chien Ta-chun, are said in Canton to be far more advanced than the movements on the two other routes. It is reported that the vanguards of General Chien have arrived at Laolung, which is on the northern part of the middle course of the East River, near the north-eastern border of Kwangtung. A skirmish between the "Ironsides" and the troops of Chien took place at Laolung two days ago, but the details of the fight are not available at present.

Worthless Banknotes.

An appalling financial situation is facing the present Canton Government according to a vernacular newspaper. It is stated that yesterday, when Mr. Tang Ying-wah, the new Police Commissioner, personally investigated affairs at the Central Bank he found not only that all the silver of the Central Bank had disappeared, but that even all the notes had also been taken away. All that is left is \$2,000,000 worth of non-signed and non-numbered banknotes which the retreating "Ironside" troops knew to be useless. It is rumoured that Mr. Sun Fo

PLATINUM FOUND IN SIERRE LEONE.

MIGHT BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, Jan. 3.
The Colonial Office announces that platinum has been discovered in Sierra Leone.

It was first found in May, 1926, by the Director of the Geological Survey, Major Junner, and a recent investigation by him indicates that the platinum bearing area is about forty square miles in extent and that deposits, which are alluvial, are likely to be of considerable importance. One nugget of platinum, weighing 7.4 grammes (or 4 1/4 pennyweights) was found by Major Junner. This nugget and some of smaller grains of platinum, have been presented to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. An analysis of the platinum, made by the Imperial Institute shows that it compares very favourably in composition with the platinum from the Urals and South Africa. The platinum in Sierra Leone is associated with the basic igneous rocks, resembling those of the bushveld igneous complex of South Africa, in which important deposits of platinum metals have been found.

Detailed information regarding the locality of the platinum discovered will be given to any firm or persons who can satisfy the Sierra Leone Government regarding their financial standing and their bona fide intention and capacity to undertake mining operations, in the event of these being likely to prove profitable.

The Sierra Leone Government, however, reserve power to limit the number of prospecting rights issued in respect of this locality.—*British Wireless.*

MEMORIAL TO LATE LORD CURZON.

SIR BERTRAM MACKENNA COMMISSIONED.

London, Jan. 3.
A commission for a memorial to the late Marquis Curzon, former Foreign Secretary, has been given to Sir Bertram Mackennal, who has been responsible for much public work, including a number of statues of Queen Victoria and King Edward.

The intention is to erect a full length statue of the distinguished statesman in Carlton House Terrace, where he long resided, and also place a plaque in Westminster Abbey.—*British Wireless.*

ROYAL VISIT TO EGYPT.

PRINCESS MARY TO GO.

London, Jan. 3.
The *Evening Standard* learns that Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will visit Egypt in the Spring.

The plans for the visit and its duration are not yet in their final stage but an announcement will be made as soon as possible.—*British Wireless.*

OIL PIPE ORDER.

GERMAN SYNDICATE GETS CONTRACT.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.
A German oil pipe syndicate has contracted for the delivery of 50,000 tons of pipes for the construction of pipelines in the Russian oilfields in the Caucasus.—*Reuter.*

will come back to take charge of the Canton Treasury soon.

Despite present problems, the value of the Central Bank notes appears to have increased about 20 per cent. yesterday. Another big problem confronting the Canton Government is the maintenance of the troops. One report says that Canton may soon be allowed again so that the revenues may be increased.

MARINE INQUIRY.

RECENT COLLISION ON WEST RIVER.

THIS MORNING'S HEARING.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office to-day to enquire into the circumstances attending the collision between the steamers Kwong Fook Cheong and On Lee in the West River on December 24.

The composition of the Court was as follows: Commr. G. F. Hole, (President), Lieut. Commr. C. B. Elbow, of H.M.S. Titania; Captain H. W. Walker, of s.s. Kwong Tung; Captain A. Campbell, of s.s. Sai-On; and Captain J. W. Milne, of s.s. Kwangchow. Mr. Leo D'Almada appeared for Mr. Fernandes, late master of s.s. On Lee. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for Captain J. G. Morron and owners of s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong.

The President of the Court decided that as the On Lee was the overtaking ship, evidence by officers of the Kwong Fook Cheong would first be taken.

The Collision Detailed.

Mr. John Wilson, Chief Officer of the Kwong Fook Cheong, stated that at 5.45 a.m. on December 24, when the vessel was three miles below Kongmoon, he was on watch. The On Lee was well astern until passing Plover Island, but from this point gradually overtook, but made no signal and passed on the port side. The Kwong Fook Cheong was heading about S.W. at speed of 8 1/2 knots. When the On Lee was about four points on the bow, she took a sudden sheer to starboard across the Kwong Fook Cheong's bows. Witness put the helm hard a port and engines full astern but not in time to prevent the collision, the On Lee being struck on the port quarter. When clear, helm was reversed and engines again put ahead. The Kwong Fook Cheong was undamaged, but the On Lee had a number of plates buckled.

No Urgency.

In reply to questions by Mr. Hall Brutton, witness explained that the On Lee should have come up on the starboard side. It was necessary for the On Lee to cross over to reach her wharf, which was then some three miles distant. There was plenty of room to starboard and the act of crossing over was not urgent under the circumstances.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness stated that when first sighted, the On Lee was two ships' lengths astern and slightly to port. It was usual for faster vessels to overtake and pass between Wang-mun and Kongmoon.

Master's Evidence.

Captain McEn. Morron, master of the Kwong Fook Cheong, stated that he had been on duty from 6.30 p.m. on December 23 until shortly after 1 a.m. on December 24. Turning in, he was awakened by the impact of a collision and proceeding to the bridge, saw the On Lee across the Kwong Fook Cheong's bows at an angle of about 30 degrees, distant some 40 feet. The chief officer was on duty, engines were going full astern and the helm was hard a port.

Mr. Wilson informed witness that the On Lee had overtaken and sheered to starboard before being clear. The distance between the vessel was about 50 feet but in the act of overtaking, she had always been converging. Witness steadied the helm, stopped engines and when clear, of the On Lee, went ahead slow. The ships drew apart and proceeded.

Pilot's Evidence.

The No. 1 Pilot of the Kwong Fook Cheong could remember only that the accident occurred on a Saturday morning at about 5.50 a.m.

"There are 52 Saturdays in the year" the witness was informed by the President, "but I will take the evidence for what it is worth."

The On Lee was approaching from astern and sounded one blast and witness replied with two blasts. Whilst the President was putting questions, witness interjected with further statements, which elicited from the Court, the order to "Shut up!"

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RECENT STREET BATTLE.

CHARGES AGAINST ALLEGED ROBBER.

The battle between a party of armed Chinese and police officers on the early morning of December 7, when Sergt. McMahon was seriously wounded, a Chinese wharf searcher shot dead, a Chinese constable so seriously wounded that he died, and an Indian constable wounded was recalled at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Chan Hung, one of four men, appeared before Major C. Willson on a charge of murder.

In outlining the circumstances surrounding the shooting as relating to the charge against the accused Mr. Whyte Smith said that the fight started at the fruit market in Bonham Strand and finished at the corner of Chin Loong Street and Queen's Road Central.

On December 7, he continued, at about 2.15 a.m., a police picket under Sergt. McMahon was posted round about the fruit market. They were engaged in searching pedestrians and vehicles. Two rather well dressed Chinese came along Wing Lok Street from the west, but when accosted they resisted search and drew firearms.

A fight then ensued in which Sergt. McMahon and Chinese constable 446, Lui Tung, were very seriously wounded. After being hit with a bullet Sergt. McMahon managed to shoot dead the man who had shot him, and the other Chinese was held by Indian constable 323 and Indian Lance Sergeant 473. That man was seen to fire one shot at the police, and he would be dealt with later in Mr. Lindsell's Court.

Mr. Whyte Smith added that he did not think it was necessary to go into the details of that fight as the accused was not alleged to have taken a part in it. He was a man who was observed to be walking away from the scene, and was accused of committing murder in the subsequent running fight.

In reply to the Magistrate Mr. Whyte Smith said that the other men would be charged with robbery, shooting with intent to kill and possession of arms.

The Chase.

The first person to pursue the accused continued Mr. Whyte Smith, was District Watchman 86. He was in Morrison Street, south of the fruit market, when he heard the sound of shots and the blowing of police whistles. He hurried to the scene, where he saw Sergt. McMahon lying in the road. He also saw a Chinese being held by two Indian constables and also noticed the accused walking down Morrison Street towards the Praya. The watchman immediately suspected the man and gave chase.

The next person to come on the scene was Sergt. Flaherty. He was in Bonham Strand to the east of the fruit market, and hearing the sound of police whistles he ran to the scene. He saw the accused running towards the Praya with the district watchman giving chase, so Sergt. Flaherty joined in the hunt.

Before the accused reached the Praya the district watchman shouted to him to stop, but he did not do so and the watchman fired one shot. When the accused reached the Praya he turned east, running under the verandahs. When the watchman rounded the corner he fired another shot at the runaway. The accused then turned round and fired back at the watchman.

The accused resumed his flight along the Praya, every now and then turning and firing at his pursuers. This continued until the accused reached Man Wah Lane, just west of the Harbour Office, where, having fired his last round, he stopped to reload.

Reinforcements.

At that point another Chinese constable started to take part.

FIRE ON LORRY.

EXCITEMENT NEAR BLAKE PIER.

A remarkable incident creating considerable excitement for a space of about ten minutes occurred on the Praya near Blake Pier yesterday afternoon, when it was observed that a box on a moving lorry had caught fire in some manner unknown.

Attention of the coolies was attracted and the box was thrown into the road, where it burst, scattering flaming paper across the street. The blaze was quickly extinguished by two Sikh policemen, who smothered the flames with boards.

The lorry was carrying a large consignment of boxes containing grease paper strips, and for a while there was danger of the entire load taking fire.

That man, was C.62, who was standing at the latrine which is situated in the middle of the road to the east of Man Wah Lane. He approached the accused, from behind and seized him round the waist. By that time apparently the accused had reloaded his revolver and he fired a shot behind him. Fortunately the bullet was deflected by the buckle of C.62's belt. It pierced his tunic and bruised his stomach, but did not cause any serious injury. The effect was to cause C.62 to release his hold of the accused, who took to his heels and continued to run along the Praya towards the east. C.62 also then joined in the chase.

The accused turned up Jubilee Street and ran towards Des Voeux Road, when he saw Indian Constable 382 standing half-way up Jubilee Street on the west side. That constable was just drawing his revolver when the accused fired at him and he fell wounded.

Mr. Whyte Smith continued that he believed the reason why the accused turned up Jubilee Street was because, as he was running along the Praya he saw Chinese Constable 464 approaching. That constable was at the corner of Pottinger Street and the Praya when he heard shots and whistles. He ran in the direction of the sounds and was just in time to see the accused turning up Jubilee Street and promptly followed him.

At Yaumati Wharf.

The accused came into Des Voeux Road and continued to run under the verandahs as far as Queen Victoria Street. He turned down that street and came on to the Praya again. From this spot it looked as though he was going to cut across to the Yaumati ferry wharf, where there were two unarmed Chinese constables, 569 and 196, on search duty. The accused might have cut across had not C. 569 rushed into the middle of the street to tackle him. The accused, however, fired at the constable, who fell dead, shot through the heart.

That, commented, Mr. Whyte Smith, was the first of the murders with which the accused was charged.

Continuing, Mr. Whyte Smith said the accused then regained the verandahs of the houses and continued in his flight towards the east. He turned up Pottinger Street and again reached Des Voeux Road and again turned east, Chinese Constable 66 then came on the scene. He was on the south side of Des Voeux Road Central, half-way between Pottinger Street and Lee Yuen Street, West. On seeing the accused crossing the road C.66 also joined in the chase.

Accused Shot Down.

There were now, said Mr. Whyte Smith, C.454, C.62, and C.66 in close pursuit of the accused. C. 66 opened fire and the accused replied with a shot which evidently mortally wounded C.66, although he carried on with the pursuit after he had been hit. That shot was evidently the last that the accused fired. He stopped at the corner of Chin Loong Street and

PENSION SCHEME.

NEW SYSTEM OPERATIVE YESTERDAY.

London, Jan. 3. The final section of the contributory pensions scheme, which was embodied in the 1915 Act, became operative yesterday. Under it 450,000 persons between the ages of 65 and 70 who have been insured under National Health Scheme, which covers 15,000,000 weekly wage earners will be entitled forthwith to a pension of 10/- weekly irrespective of any other means they may possess.

The benefits also apply to the wives of insured persons.

Another section of the act which came into operation with the new year relieves work people over 65 years of age from liability to pay contributions under the Health Insurance Scheme, but employers are still required to pay their share of the contribution in respect of such workpeople. —British Wireless.

Des Voeux Road Central, apparently to reload again. He could not have got very far with it, however, because C.66 and C.454 both fired and the accused fell, wounded in two places.

When he fell, either in or beside his right hand was his revolver, which contained five expended shells. On the ground, covered by his left hand, were ten live rounds, and one live round was found in his pocket. Both the accused and C.66 were taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but the Chinese constable was so seriously wounded that he died on December 12.

Concluding, Mr. Whyte Smith said that shortly afterwards Sergt. Flaherty and the district watchman arrived on the scene and both identified the accused as the man they had chased down Morrison Street towards the Praya when he first ran away.

Medical Evidence.

Dr. J. R. Craig, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, speaking with regard to C.66, Chan Sing, said that he was admitted to the Hospital shortly after two o'clock on the morning of December 7.

Witness described the position and nature of the abdominal wound from the effects of which Chan Sing died at 9.30 the same morning, following an operation. At a post-mortem operation, the bullet produced in Court was extracted from the wound.

Witness on the same morning, also extracted two bullets from the person of the accused, who had a gun shot wound in the right leg and another in the upper part of the back. One of the bullets was also produced in Court.

Dr. A. Cannon, in charge of the Mortuary, stated that he performed a post-mortem operation on the unarmed constable Wan Wong-chi, and found that he had been shot through the heart, the bullet being extracted and also produced as an exhibit in the case.

Witness said that there was a deposit of smoke around the entrance to the wound, and he produced some interesting records of experiments carried out by Inspector (now Chief Detective Inspector) Reynolds in 1923, to ascertain the effects of a bullet fired at short range.

Runaway Pursued.

Lance Sergeant Michael Flaherty deposed that at 2.30 on the morning of December 7 he was on duty at Bonham Strand, when he heard the sound of police whistles. Running towards the junction of Wing Lok Street and Morrison Street, he saw seven people gathered together of which two were police officers. He was about to make enquiries, when he saw a man dressed in a white jacket and dark trousers darting along Morrison Street being pursued by a Chinese constable. Witness immediately joined in the chase, but after following to the Praya, he lost

CHINESE WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF DAUGHTER OF CANTON OFFICIAL.

Performed entirely according to Chinese custom, the marriage was solemnized yesterday afternoon between Mr. Lee Shiu-kee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Po-hung, and Miss Ngai Lung-choe, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ngai Bong-ping.

Mr. Lai Chai-hi officiated.

The bride was attired in a pink Chinese costume embroidered with beads. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and was attended by her two sisters, the Misses Ngai Siu-lan and Ngai San-ling. The two train-bearers were Ng Yan-tak and Ng Sui-chu.

Both the bride and the bridegroom are well-known in Hongkong, while the former is the daughter of a prominent Canton official. Mr. Lee is the brother of Mr. Lee Shiu-kai, who was recently married to Dr. Kotewall's daughter. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony and a dinner will be given at the Kam Ling Restaurant this evening.

Mr. Lee Shiu-kee, took occasion to contribute a sum of \$1,000 towards the fund of the new Chinese hospital which is soon to be built under the management of the Tung Wah Hospital at Causeway Bay. It is interesting to note that 57 years ago, when the Tung Wah Hospital was first opened, the late Mr. Li Yuk-hang, grandfather of Mr. Lee Shiu-kee, was one of its founders.

Among the guests invited were Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Generals Li Fuk-lam, Sit Ngok, Chan Cheung-po, Leung Hung-kai, Hung Lerk, Ip Kui, Chan Mok, Chung Chan-wa, Wong Keung, Yau Chit, Ngai Tit-ming, Li Man-yan, Ma Yuk-fang, Lau Chun-wan, Chau King-chau, Chung Shiu, Mo Ku, and Lau Chik-luk, Admiral Chiu King-tong, Messrs. Wu Han-min, Wu Ching-siu, Ng Kwok-ying, Cheung Wai-cheung, and Chau Hing-wan.

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sight of the quarry for a few seconds, as the latter turned around the corner.

Some 50 yards further on he again caught sight of the man, running under the verandahs until they came to the Canton Wharf, when the man again disappeared from view. Witness commandeered a private car to continue the chase.

The next time that witness saw the man again was when the latter was lying in Chin Loong Street, wounded. Witness was handed a revolver by another police officer. It was a five-chambered weapon, from which the bullets had all been fired.

Accused Identified. In reply to his Worship, witness stated he identified the accused from his clothing and from his general appearance. When they ran along the Praya, the water-front was deserted. At this stretch, he heard five or six shots being fired. He himself fired two shots.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

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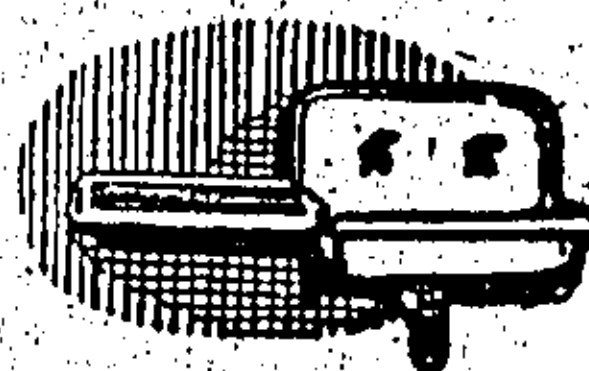
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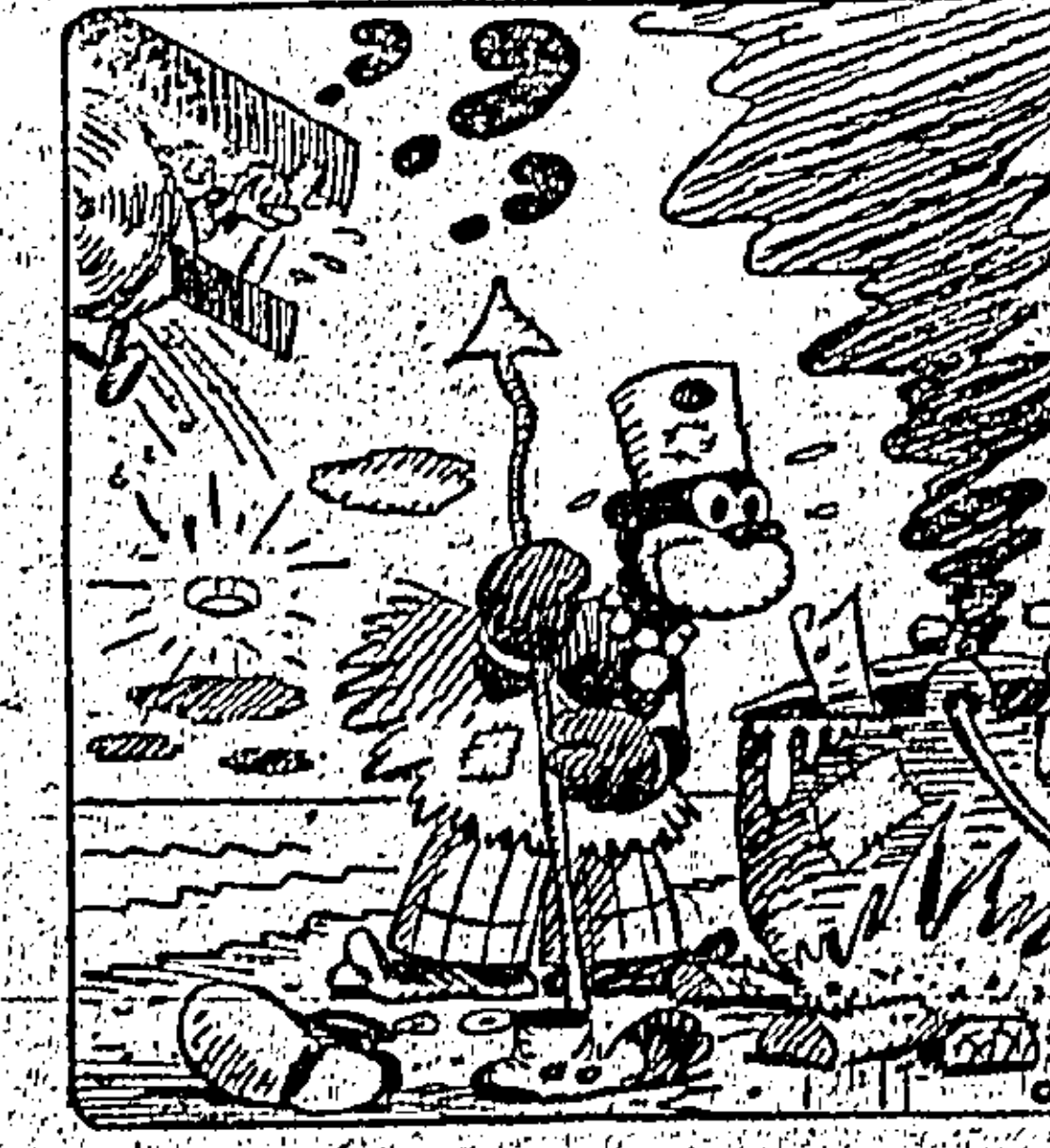
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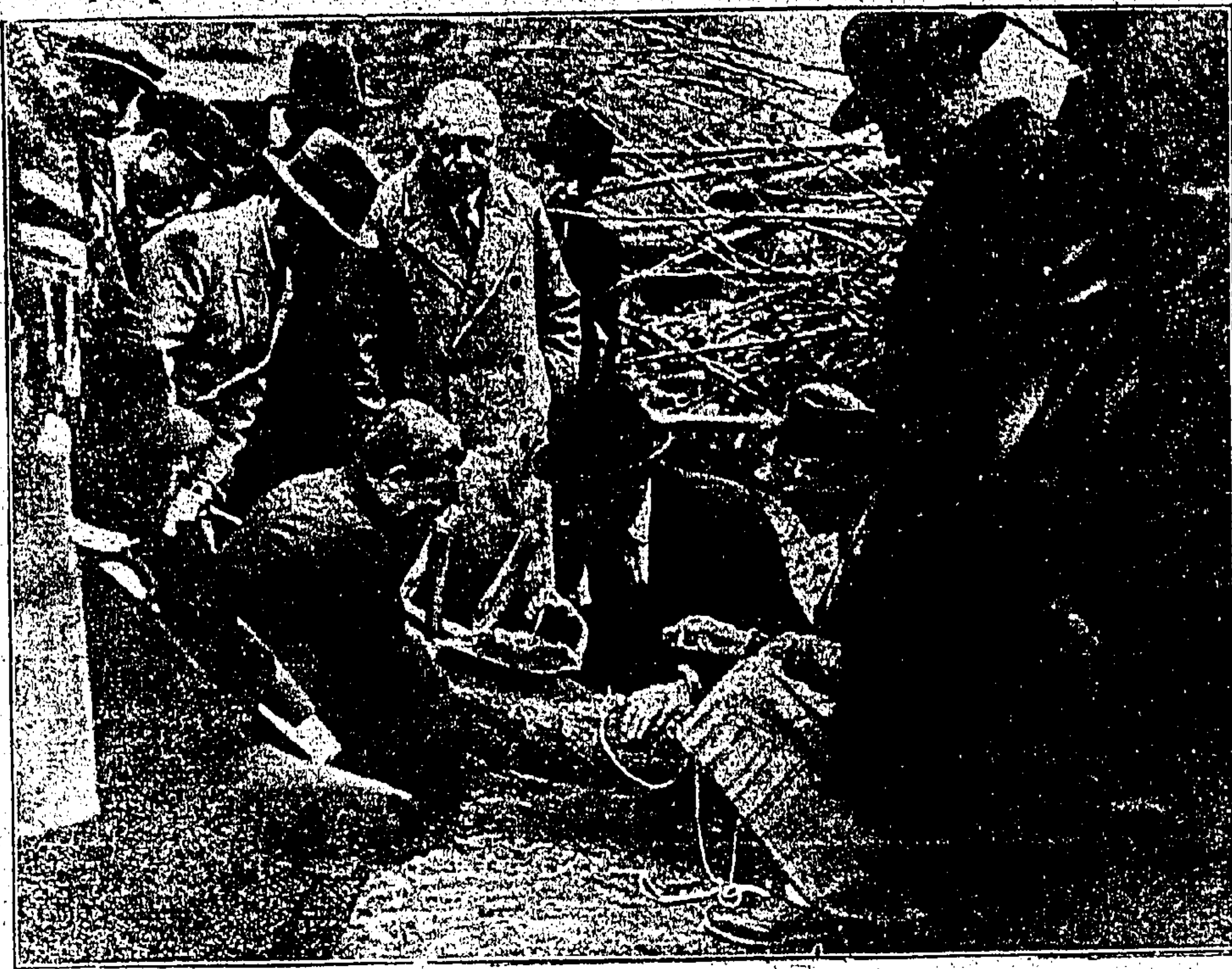


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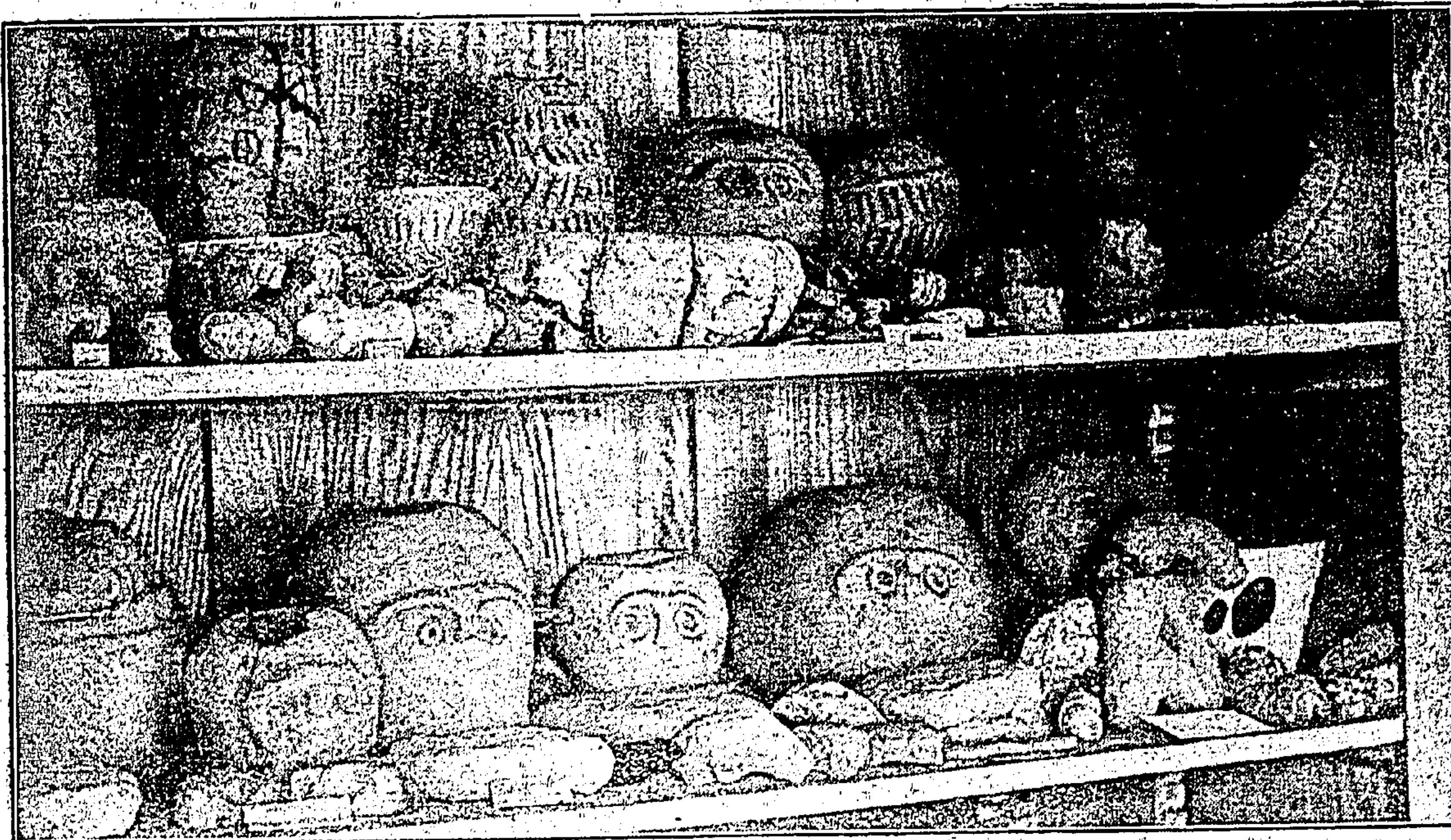




Two snapshots of Ahmed Moukhtar-Bey, first Turkish Ambassador to Washington since the war.



The International Commission of archaeologists, who are to report on the authenticity of the "discoveries," at Glozel, near Vichy, photographed at their work of investigation. Dr. Morlet, the local antiquary, is seen examining a newly-found brick; the Abbe Favray, a member of the commission, is seen kneeling beside him. (Times copyright).



A few of the several thousand objects which are said to have been found *in situ* on the farm at Glozel. Among the remains were objects thought to be of various prehistoric periods, from Magdalenian to Neolithic, difficult to account for satisfactorily under present-day theories of anthropology. (Times copyright).



This is the latest photograph of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales taken at a meet of the famous Quorn Hunt, Leicestershire.



Deaths before a Mexican City police firing squad of the Rev. Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez and Luis Segura Vilchis, two of four confessed plotters against the life of Obregon, are pictured here. Father Pro Juárez prayed as the riflemen loaded their pieces (upper left) and, standing between two practice dummies, made the sign of the cross with outstretched arms, as the order to fire was given (right). Vilchis is seen below unflinchingly facing the executioners' levelled muzzles.

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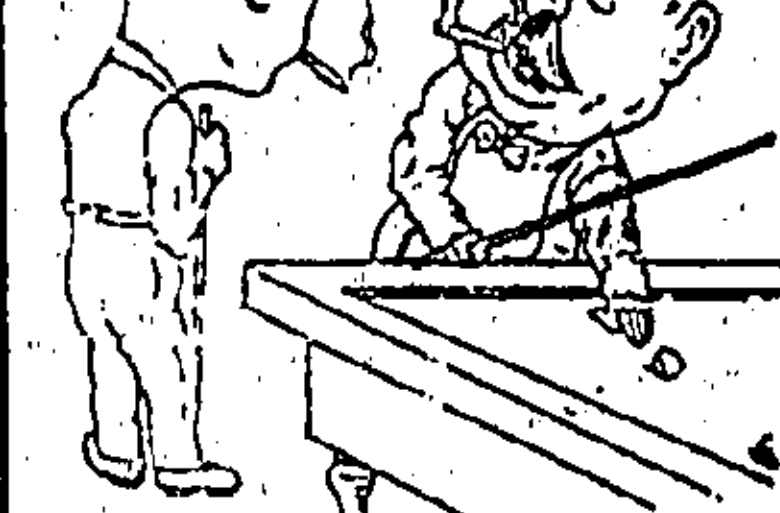
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It was pointed out that under such arrangements, many Filipinos going regularly to Hawaii would make their trip on a Philippine-chartered ship.

The Armanestan is a 7,000-ton vessel, and has accommodations for first and second class passengers.

THEFT ON MAIL TRAIN.

TWO PASSENGERS DETAINED AT KUALA LUMPUR.

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 7. A daring theft occurred on last night's mail train from Penang. A Malay gentleman, named Sheikh Ahmad, who was travelling first class to Kuala Lumpur, fell asleep at Tanah Road and on waking discovered that his silk coat had disappeared. He started a search and found his coat nicely hidden under a seat.

A Hyiam, who was a first-class passenger, and two other passengers also discovered the loss of cash amounting to about \$60.

A Hyiam and his compatriot were both arrested and on being searched it is alleged that the coat thief was found to be carrying \$240 in cash and the other \$115. Both men will shortly be produced in the police court.

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Don't forget to dance with your hostess as early as possible if you are at a private dance.

Don't apologise in an effort to cover up blunders and faulty steps if they are the mistakes of your partner. She will know of such mistakes, so keep quiet and prevent her embarrassment.

Don't get in the middle of the floor like an exhibition couple. Keep as near the edge of the floor as possible, and so maintain uniformity and prevent the confusion of oncoming dancers.

Don't frown when dancing. Look happy about it.

Don't look daggers at the couple which inadvertently collide with you. Accidents of this kind are bound to happen in the most crowded and fashionable ball-rooms.

Don't ask your partners if they know this, that, and the other while a dance is in progress. Between dances is a better time for instruction.

Don't wear shoes that either pinch or are too roomy. The former will make dancing tiring; the latter are no less fatiguing.

Don't criticise the dancing of those around you. Your own dancing, in their eyes, may call for even more drastic criticism.

A BEAUTY HINT.

HOW TO REMOVE LINES.

Those distressingly ugly lines which run from the nose to the mouth need persistent massage to remove them. The skin should be prepared by laying folds of lint, which previously have been wrung out of hot water, on the face.

After ten minutes of this treatment, plentifully smear the fingers with a nourishing cold cream and with a firm pressure of the two middle fingers work from the nose towards the temples. Do not stretch the skin, but apply firm pressure.

When to Give the Treatment.

This should be done every night until there is an improvement, and then twice weekly is sufficient.

Two or three times a day soak a piece of cotton wool in a lotion consisting of two ounces of rosemary water and one drachm of tincture of benzoin, and pat the saturated cotton wool along the deepened lines.

The Smile that Irons.

The old practice of blowing a feather is a great help in getting rid of the lines. It should be done whenever one has a few minutes to spare. Another great point is to keep the corners of the mouth turned up. A frown deepens the lines, but a smile helps to iron them out.

LOVELY LACE.



A square, made of blonde lace edged with gold, which may be worn as pictured above, or triangularly as a shawl is worn.

The short-skirt fad apparently has lost none of its vitality. In Hollywood its influence has been strong enough to cause one studio costume designer to announce, very solemnly, that milady's pyjamas, henceforth, must stop midway between the knees and ankles, instead of reaching all the way to the ankles as heretofore.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 7th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 7th—

DIVISION I.
Cardiff v. Wednesday.
Huddersfield v. West Ham.
Everton v. Middlesbrough.

DIVISION II.
Fulham v. Swansea.
Reading v. Clapton O.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).
Bournemouth v. Brentford.
Norwich v. Exeter.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).
Bradford v. Wrexham.
Stockport v. Southport.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Falkirk v. Celtic.
Rangers v. Cowdenbeath.
Clyde v. Hearts.

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Address

No. 19 Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct, send in a claim for the prize.

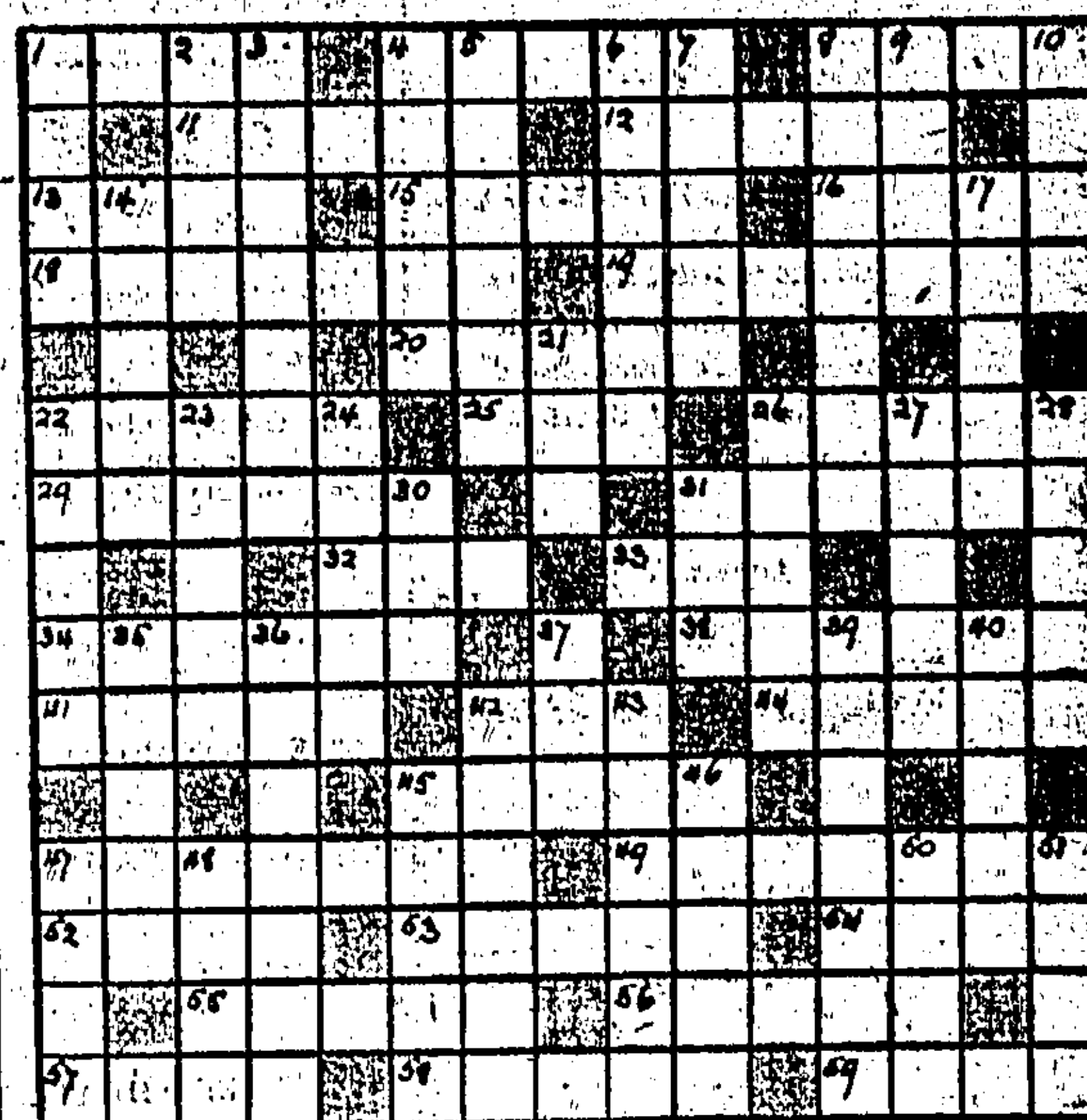
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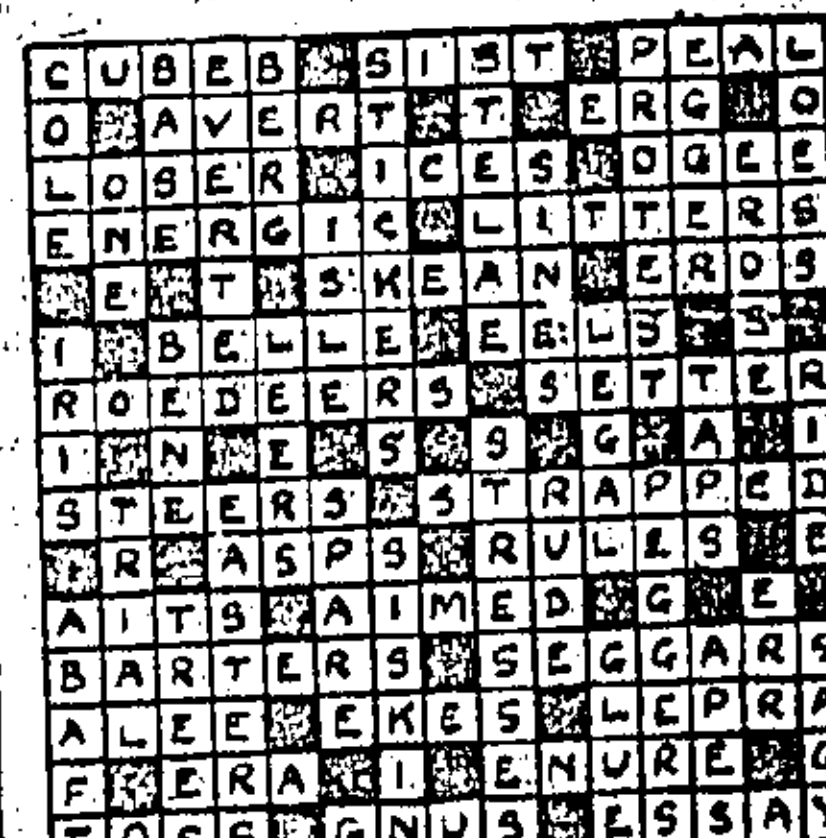
Paris.—An academy of smokers is being organized in Paris, with women as some of the charter members. The greatest drag on the organization just now is the question of whether women should smoke pipes. Henri Duvernois, author, leads the opposition, and also contends that women should not smoke cigars.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
1. Penetrate with the teeth.
 4. Disused state of the system.
 8. A chief.
 11. That on which metals are hammered.
 12. Was alive.
 13. Devoted to divinity.
 15. Parts of faces.
 16. List of candidates for office (Scotch).
 18. Making a roving journey.
 19. Kind of open portico.
 20. Number.
 22. Meat dish.
 25. Do wrong.
 26. Tranquillity.
 29. Male hawk.
 31. Furnished with a pad.
 32. Animal's lair.
 33. Tear asunder.
 34. Debated.
 38. Enlivening.
 41. Grates.
 42. Title.
 44. Soon.
 45. Used for sharpening razors.
 47. Go forward.
 49. Residence of Pope.
 52. One time European ruler.
 53. Relax in intensity.
 54. Sacred to Hindus.
 55. Visionary.
 58. Part of winding staircase.
 59. Number.
 60. Funeral piles.
 61. Shrub of the plum genus.
- Down.
1. Strike repeatedly.
 2. Forbid contact with.
 3. Exhibiting force.
 4. Natives of certain country of Northern Europe.
 5. Funeral orations.
 6. Number.
 7. Ascended.
 8. Told.
 9. Paradise.
 10. Bridge.
 14. Drink to excess.
 17. Extract.
 21. Contend.
 22. Perfume from flowers.
 23. Conceited fellows.
 24. Yields.
 26. Substance used for writing on.
 27. Allow entrance to.
 28. Roman magistrate.
 30. Gaided.
 31. British farm animal.
 35. Plunders.
 36. In an upward direction.
 37. Essential to life.
 39. Not foreigners.
 40. In front.
 42. Stubborn.
 43. Gully.
 45. Small portion.
 46. Heads of persons.
 47. On top.
 48. To profit.
 50. Small room.
 51. Part of the neck.

Yesterday's Solution.



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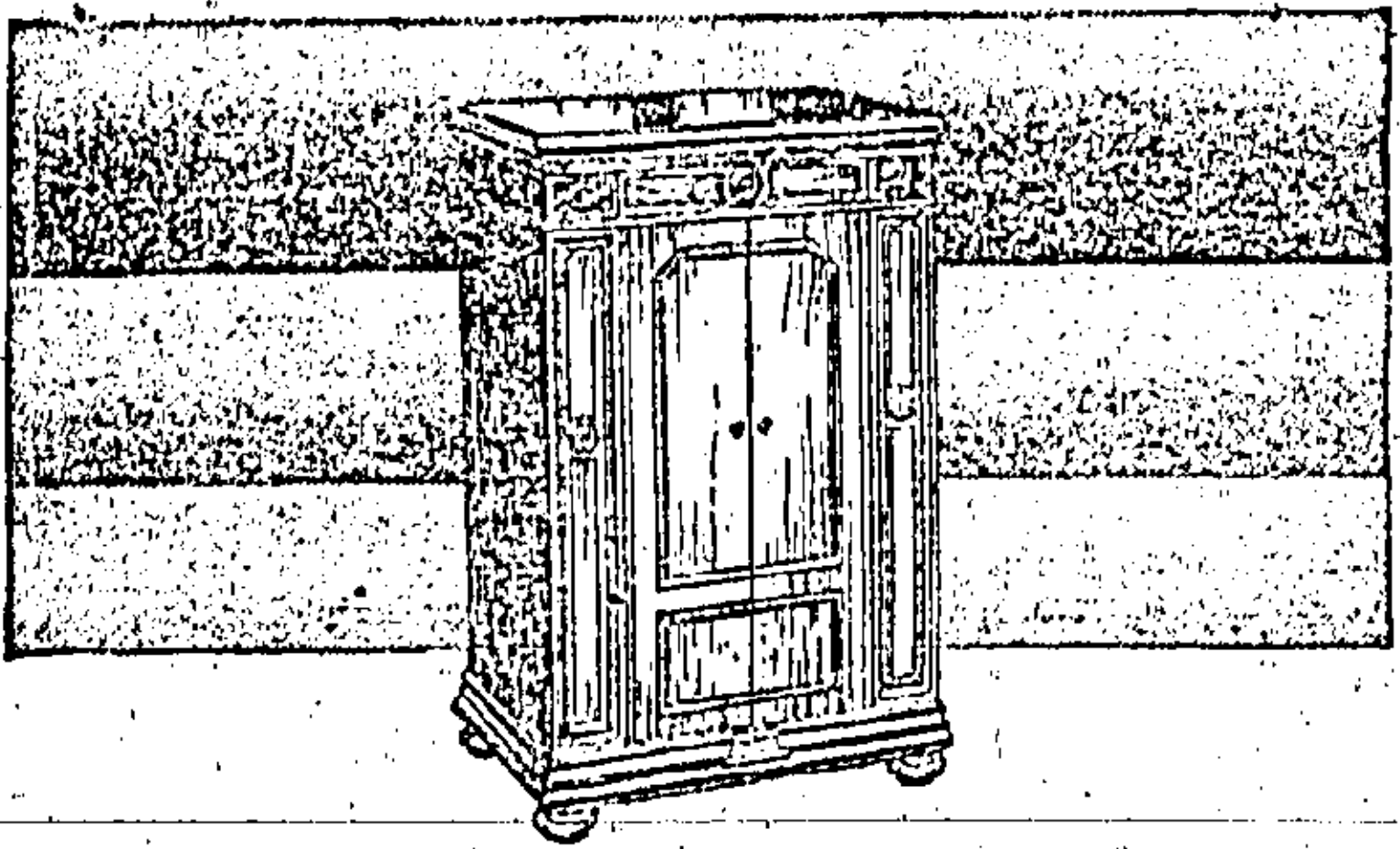


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CHINA'S REVENUES.

The figures published yesterday showing the Chinese Maritime Customs revenue for 1927 provide eloquent testimony of the evil effects, to China herself, caused by the strife and turmoil which has become so chronic throughout the greater part of the country during the past few years. The total income amounts to Tls. 68,687,000, which is a decrease of nearly nine and a half million taels when compared with the previous twelve months. It is true that 1926 was an extremely good year so far as revenue was concerned, and thus the comparison may be a little unfair, but it is worth pointing out that the figures for the past twelve months are lower than those for any year since 1924.

If evidence were needed to show how trade is adversely affected by civil war, we need only turn to the returns for those ports where the troubles of the past year have been most acute. Shanghai, for example, shows a decline of over seven million taels, Hankow a drop of two-and-a-quarter millions and Canton a shrinkage of over a million-and-a-half. When it is further borne in mind that the costs of most commodities have shown a tendency to increase rather than otherwise, it will be realised how serious the decline in actual bulk of trade has been. There is one fortunate circumstance revealed by the returns—namely, that all foreign loans and obligations secured on the Customs revenue have been met in full, but as against that we have to set the fact that the redemption payments of the Consolidated Debt are two years in arrears, the revenues being again insufficient to permit any such payments during the year just closed. In this way does the decreased Customs sources react so as to keep China struggling under the incubus of heavy indebtedness.

Depressing as the figures are, yet in another way they illustrate how remarkably trade does manage to survive in this strife-ridden country. It has again and again been pointed out that the Chinese do succeed in discovering avenues for business even under the most adverse conditions; and that fact is once more established by the total of over Tls. 68,000,000 for last year's Customs revenues. The thought cannot, however, escape us that, given peace and concord, the record would be very much higher. If only the country could settle down, China would without difficulty become one of the world's

biggest and promising trade centres and would then occupy her rightful place amongst the nations of the world. Not only are the constantly recurring upheavals to which the country is subject causing a serious interference with commercial development, but the falling off of Customs revenue is resulting in less money being available for administrative and reconstruction purposes. The creation of a strong and stable Government would have consequences of the utmost benefits under both these headings, and not the least important of the outcomes would be the utilisation of these Customs revenues for the national well-being. Instead of their use to line the pockets of dishonest politicians and unscrupulous militarists.

How Hospitals Suffer.

If there is one aspect of the destructive work of extremists in China which is more regrettable than any other, it is the wicked campaign which has been carried out against numerous foreign-controlled hospitals which have done so much to alleviate pain and suffering amongst the Chinese. A few days ago, we reprinted a story from Tsinan showing how troops of the Kuomintang ousted their enemies who had been in occupation of the Canadian Church Hospital at Kueiteh and then, before proceeding in pursuit of their foes, halted to loot the hospital of everything of value. Not only did they ransack the hospital itself, but they robbed the residences of the absent foreign doctors and stripped the Chinese staff of all they possessed. All the drugs and valuable instruments of the hospital were also carried off. As the writer put it, the irony of the situation was that this self-same hospital had ministered to these troops in their wounds and pain all through the summer and early autumn. We quote this case, not because it is anything unusual, but because it is so typical of the kind of thing that happens in China when troops and mobs get out of hand. Here in the South, we have had many instances, notably in the attacks made on the Canton Hospital and the Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow. These two institutions, like so many others, have years of magnificent work to their credit—service not to foreigners, but to the poor and suffering Chinese. Yet they have been the targets of calumny and attack and have had their beneficent work interrupted and even altogether suspended. Could folly go to more extreme lengths?

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Copenhagen	18.34 1/2
Oslo	34.55 1/2
Vienna	16.41
Prague	103.3
Helsingfors	28.39 1/2
Madrid	2.7 1/16
Lisbon	307 1/2
Algeria	5 57/64
Bucharest	47 13/16
Buenos Aires	2 1/16
Bombay	2 1/16
Shanghai	2 1/16
Hongkong	2 1/16
Yokohama	1 1/11 1/32
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 5/16

—British Wireless.

ANOTHER BROADCAST
ARRANGED.TEST TRANSMISSION FOR
THIS EVENING.

There will be another test transmission by the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee this evening, when a musical programme of gramophone records will be broadcast, between 6 and 7.30 p.m., on a wavelength of 340 metres.

It will be recalled that the first of these tests, last Friday evening, was a great success, being picked up all over the Colony at loud-speaker strength. Possessors of receiving sets should be able to listen in again with anticipation of good reception.

Another broadcast will be given next Friday, details of which will be announced in due course.

TO-DAY.

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DAY BY DAY.

IF THOU KNOWEST ANYTHING GOOD OF A MAN TELL IT UNTO OTHERS; IF ANYTHING ILL, TELL IT PRIVATELY AND PRUDENTLY TO HIMSELF.—Burrill.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 19 departures, of which five of each were British, leaving 65 vessels in harbour, British 25. Cargoes were generally good, with British returning two of the heaviest of the day.

Booking is now open at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre for the Revue season which Mr. Dick Norton's company, the "Globe Trotters," will begin at the Star Theatre on Sunday next. Admission is at the popular prices, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

During the course of his stay in Hongkong yesterday, General Li Chai-sun (called upon H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), being introduced by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The interview lasted for about one hour.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has spread southward. Strong monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North winds, fresh fair.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, D.C.L., Minister of Justice, passed through the Colony yesterday on board the s.s. Andro Lebon en route to the Hague, where he will sit as one of the Judges at an extraordinary session of the Permanent Court of International Justice, to be held on February 6.

A small fire broke out yesterday afternoon at 4.45 at the Tak Chan Laundry, 116, Kennedy Road. The fire brigade was early on the scene and managed to localise the outbreak. Damage was done to a large quantity of linen estimated to be worth \$400. The cause of the outbreak is not yet established.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Garmula, Pres. Jefferson, Malwa, Morea, Taiyo Maru, Andre Lebon, Angers, Sinkiang, Santhia, Kachow, Empress of Russia, Menado Maru, Yuen Sang, Tikiini, Las Vegas, Tjilewong, Pooksang, President McKinley, Taiwa Maru, and City of Tokio.

RECENT PICNIC
DISASTER.JURY'S FINDING THIS
MORNING.

INSUFFICIENT LIFEBOYS.

Sitting shortly after noon today, Mr. W. Schofield, assisted by a jury, concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy, the hearing of the inquiry into the circumstances of the deaths of six persons who were passengers on the Sai Kung Ferry on November 27, when a party of picnickers were involved in a fire which broke out on the motor boat off Tai Po, Sha, Port Shelter Island.

Mr. Schofield summed up at length, prefacing his address to the jury with an expression of sympathy to the relatives of the deceased persons.

Eight questions were submitted to the jury for their consideration and after a retirement the following finding was announced:

1. The outbreak was a pure accident.
2. There seems to have been negligence on the part of the coxswain in not remedying the deficiencies of the engine and of failing to prevent the overcrowding of the launch.
3. No blame attaches to the crew.
4. The police at Sai Kung are not to be blamed as regards the overcrowding of the launch.
5. In accordance with the regulations stated in the licence, insufficient life saving apparatus was carried on the boat. Four life boys were carried but these were not sufficient.
6. More could have been done if the crew had not lost their presence of mind.
7. The owner of the launch is not to blame.
8. We wish to recommend that the Police Department should see that all motor launches at Sai Kung are supplied with sufficient life-saving apparatus as stated in the licence and that they see in future that motor and other launches are not overcrowded.

The Coroner said that the jury's verdict and recommendations would be forwarded to the proper quarter.

RUSSIAN STOWAWAY.

RECORD OF PREVIOUS
OFFENCES.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, Michael Ivanoff, a Russian aged 17, was charged with returning from banishment and with stowing away on the s.s. President McKinley.

To both charges defendant pleaded guilty, but explained that he boarded the President boat from Shanghai, and had no intention of landing in Hongkong, meaning to carry on as a stow-away until Manila was reached.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who was prosecuting, said that the defendant was discovered after the ship was one day out of Hongkong on its way to Manila. He said that by stowing away on a President boat from Shanghai to Manila via Hongkong defendant knew that he would be discovered. According to the Sub-Inspector's experience, he had never heard of another stowaway who managed to reach Hongkong from Shanghai undiscovered.

Regarding defendant, the Sub-Inspector said that when the ship's officers searched the President McKinley prior to entering Manila, they discovered him hiding in a lifeboat. It was explained that the ship's officers are always very painstaking in their search before entering Manila as the authorities there were very strict.

Defendant's record showed that he stowed away from Hongkong to Shanghai in January, for which act he was then committed to the House of Detention. Later, he requested to be sent to Macao but found his way back to Hongkong and eventually, was caught making a second attempt to stow away to Swatow. For this he was given a month's hard labour, followed by an expulsion order.

He was sent away during the summer but was again caught in Hongkong, and he was discovered then that he found Swatow not quite to his liking, and had returned all the way on foot to Hongkong. Once again he was sent to the House of Detention and on August 11, he was forbidden the Colony for one year.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100 or six weeks' hard labour on the charge of stowing away and for returning from banishment. Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

CANTON'S REIGN OF
TERROR.INTERESTING FILM ON
VIEW.

An interesting film showing the disastrous effects and carnage resulting from the recent Communist insurrection in Canton was screened at the World Theatre yesterday. Although the photography was rather poor, it is valuable as a record, which cannot be disputed, of the dark doings of a memorable episode in the history of the Chinese city. In this picture are shown the wreckage of half-burnt buildings; the chief strategic points of encounter between the "Reds" and Government troops; and the slaughter carried out by both sides. But from the international point of view, the chief value of the reel lies in the filming of Soviet documents and seals which furnish another link in the chain of evidence of Russian complicity, and also in the glimpses it gives of the procession through the streets of the five captured "Red" Russians prior to their execution.

Accompanying this Canton picture in a two-days' bill at the Theatre, are an International News Reel, and a feature production entitled "Back in God's Country," with Renee Adoree in the principal role.

UNMUZZLED DOG.

PEAK LADY FINED.

Mrs. C. I. Cooke, of No. 9, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for allowing her white-and-black terrier to wander abroad unleashed and unmuzzled.

In reply to the charge, Mrs. Cooke said:—It was just allowed out, I presume.

A fine of \$5 was imposed. Mr. C. Onslow, who was summoned for a similar offence in Connaught Road Central, was fined \$5. He was also summoned for having failed to take out a licence for his dog, and was fined another \$5. Both offences were admitted.

LADY CLEMENTI.

PATIENT AT PEAK HOSPITAL.
Lady Clementi is still indisposed and under medical advice was yesterday removed to the Peak Hospital.

The Very Idea!

Some Chinese thoughts about women:—
The patient woman roasts an ox with a burning glass.

The extravagant woman burns a candle in looking for a match.

The foolish, obstinate woman goes to sea in a handbox.

The cautious woman writes her promises on a slate.

The vulgar, affected woman is a spider attempting to spin silk.

The curious woman would turn a rainbow to see what was on the other side.

Mr. J. J. N. Mackman, one of the judges at the Cookery and Food Exhibition at Holland Park Hall, who is known in the trade as "the wizard baker of Hull," was presented to the Duchess of York when she visited the exhibition.

His skill has won for him more than 4,000 awards, and earned for him the title of "Champion Baker of the World," while his advice is sought by bakers all over the country. Although he is now a director of Messrs. William Jackson and Son, Ltd., of Hull, he works from ten to twelve hours a day, and much of his time is still spent in the bakehouse.

Solicitor at Bow County Court. Were you alone on this occasion? Man: No, I had a bottle of beer.

Willisden landlady: Every time I do anything for my tenant he curses me.

Magistrate: How was your husband cruel to you? Willisden wife: By making me sit on the stairs all night.

Nottinghamshire woman: I heard that there was a fight, and naturally I went to see it.

Men at the Thames Court: I like work. Mr. Cairns (magistrate): I wish I was like you; I don't like work.

Motorist at Kingston: The policeman was hidden behind a lamp post, so I could not see him.

The police and railway officials are searching a thousand-mile stretch of railway between Cape town and Johannesburg in an endeavour to find an ancient stone which was presented to Johannesburg Cathedral by Canterbury Cathedral. It mysteriously disappeared from a goods van of the Union Limited Express on a journey from Table Bay docks. It was being conveyed by the Rev. S. M. Woodfield, who saw the stone placed in the van at the docks, but missed it, with two portmanteaus, on arrival at Johannesburg. South Africa attaches great sentimental value to the stone.

Complained a member of Parliament to a well-known British peer—"I've got a terrible headache. What would you prescribe?" "A couple of aspirates," was the prompt answer.

Surrounded by members of the Corporation the Mayor, in his robes and chain of office, stepped forward to open the new golf course. He took a mighty swipe with a mallet, which he buried in the earth a foot behind the ball smashing the club-head.

Thou, in solemn tones, he said:—"Gentlemen, I declare these links well and truly opened."

Baboo English, which provides sport in most departments of life, is at its liveliest in matters ecclesiastical, the language of the church, especially the Anglican, being always a snare to the natives of India. A well-known bishop tells that he has been addressed as "your divine worship," as "my paternal old father," by one who signed himself "your afflicted son," as "civilized sir," and "honoured enormity," and has even been spoken of as "an honoured and spanking sir." A telegram sent by a well-known maharajah to his agent before the bishop's arrival in a certain city of Bengal was couched in the terms: "Prepare to receive the metropolis." Begging letters afford priceless examples, as when one "Baboo" wrote: "This, your humble, clotheless, and foodless petitioner begs humbly to be pardoned, and gracefully beseech your worship to shelter him under the Ecclesia's mighty wings, just to support with the family," and another begs, in terms of humble supplication, for "baptism, absolution, and a pair of shoes."

The current programmes at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre will be screened for the last time to-day. At the former is James Oliver Curwood's "Back to God's Country," featuring Renee Adoree and the exceptionally interesting topical film, "Canton Under the Reds." The Star Theatre is showing Pauline Starke and Wallace Beery in "The Devil's Cargo," a story of the gold rush of 1849.

CONTRACTOR SUES LANDLORD.**DISPUTE OVER HOUSES IN YAU MATI.****EXTRA WORK CLAIM.**

A dispute arising out of the building of 15 European-style houses at Yau mati, on Kowloon Island Lot No. 1301, between the owner and the building contractor, with regard to extra work done in connection with the erection of the houses, resulted in an action being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning in respect of a claim for \$26,187.40.

The plaintiffs, the Sang Loong contractors, 14, Man Lam Street, Yau mati, claim against Lai Sui-ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, land-lord, for \$26,187.40, being as to \$7,000 balance due under a contract dated January 3, 1924, and the remainder, \$19,187.40, for extra work.

The debt is denied by the defendant who says that the extra work was not written out and signed by the parties as required by the contract, and that a portion is not extra but is included in the original contract. He counter-claims for \$8,770.11 as damages for work which was defective or unsatisfactory and the omission of certain work.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall, is for the plaintiffs, and the defence is being conducted by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley.

Three Contracts.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Jenkin first of all referred to the contracts, the main one dated January 3rd and the two of supplementary character dated January 5th and 10th. Dealing with the first contract, Mr. Jenkin drew attention to the opening paragraph, which stated that the contractor should give satisfaction to the Building Authority, architects and land-lord. There was also a paragraph which stated that one inch thick Canton square tiles should be laid on the roofs with lime, earth, and cement well mixed up for the purpose.

The contract of January 5th referred mainly to a misunderstanding as to who should supply sanitary equipment, and it was agreed in that contract that the contractor should supply such equipment at a total additional cost of \$10,000.

There would be considerable argument over the third contract, said Mr. Jenkin, because the defence relied upon it in the main. It dealt with the question of "extras" and provided that terms for extra work or omissions should be written out and signed by the parties before such work became valid. There was also another sentence to the effect that if work or materials were not satisfactory, the owner was at liberty to give that work to another contractor, any expenses so incurred to be deducted from the contract price.

Work Started.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said the work was started on February 8th, 1924 and the Building Authority gave an occupation permit, on May 26th in the following year. That date would become important, as he understood the defendant himself was the first person to reside in one of the houses. The defendant was himself also a contractor and visited the premises every day so that as an expert he should have been able to see any unsatisfactory work or the use of defective materials.

From time to time, the defendant required additional work to be done. The first additional items were 80 concrete window shutters at a cost of \$40 each, making a total of \$3,200. The plaintiff supplied a tender for the defendant's signature in respect of this work, but it was not signed. The defendant said it was not necessary to bother with the formality and the plaintiff was satisfied. The work was done.

Other additional work included balustrades and curtain poles, four ornamental arches, 15 pumping rooms, 36 feet of four-inch iron pipes for drains, Shanghai plastering to the exterior of the houses, 54 additional iron fenders for the servants' quarters. The total value of the work was \$23,859.80.

The defendant alleged that a certain kind of cement had not been used on the roofs, but Mr. Jenkin said he understood that that cement only required extra lime and earth to that stated in the contract, so that there had really been no omission. Also the plaintiff did not hear anything about that alleged omission until he received a letter from the defendant's solicitors in October, 1925, although the occupation permit was given in May of that year.

Defence Contentions.

The defence was that no agreements were signed with regard to

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SHANGHAI TOPICS.**BETTER SINO-FOREIGN FEELING.****A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.**

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 29. No more effective illustration of the old Scottish adage, "The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a-gley," could be conceived than that which latterly has been forthcoming in "little old Shanghai."

The prophets of war were working under high pressure, forecasting all kinds of fearsome happenings that were to overtake us on the eve of Christmas. Every local newspaper, Chinese and foreign, made the community's collective hair stand on end by graphic tales in advance of a projected Communist uprising, the signal for which was to be furnished by the setting alight of the beggars' huts in Chinese, that plague spot which mysteriously comes back to life after each successive conflagration that overtakes it with periodical regularity.

Well, Christmas has come and gone, and no catastrophe has overtaken Shanghai. On the contrary, it has been a most joyous Yuletide for everyone, and not least of all for the sailor and soldier boys, for whose benefit a large sum of money was collected by public subscription which was truly representative of every nationality in this highly cosmopolitan community.

All day and all night on December 25th, there were not lacking evidences of boisterous hilarity on the part of groups of Tommies all over town. The rich and the poor, the settled and the transient, all incidentally were afforded an interesting glimpse into the lighter side of Tommy Atkins' life.

A goodly section of the British Army having eaten their Christmas dinner here, Shanghai may now justifiably claim to be on the map, after all.

A Change of Heart.

Whether it is due to the spirit of the season or to the expulsion of the Russian "Reds" from the shores of China, the writer cannot say, but it is given to him to record the pleasant fact that there is a distinct change discernible in the atmosphere of Sino-foreign feeling.

This transition in the relations between Chinese and foreigners is perceptible everywhere—in the considered declarations of representative Chinese leaders, in the friendly tone of the vernacular press, in the manner in which Chinese surrender their seats in trams and buses where, before, there were angry glares and an atmosphere of sullenness and silent resentment.

Everyone is asking: By what singular alchemy has this transformation taken place? It is, of course, ascribable, in large measure, to the scrupulous protection accorded to the Chinese by the military and police forces of the Settlement, in these crucial times, at the peril of their own lives. Chinese are not unmindful of the services rendered to them by the Settlement authorities in safeguarding their lives and property. The wonder is not that so many cases of robberies and kidnappings have occurred but that many more have not taken place in view of the desperate character of the gangsters. That the crime wave has not assumed graver dimensions is directly due to the protective and preventive measures taken at the selected moment.

Yet there are other reasons for the change of attitude on the part of the Chinese towards their foreign fellow-residents. As success crowns the Nationalist arms in North China and more territory comes under their control, the all-compelling consciousness descends on them that the goodwill and support of the foreigner is a vital necessity for the Nationalists and that such foreign friendliness will make for ultimate gain.

It is another example of how the requirement of authority and power brings with them a corresponding sense of responsibility and a complete change of outlook on things in general. The Ramsay MacDonald who ruled against the British Government as a member of the Labour Party was not the same Ramsay MacDonald once he was in office. In the same way, history may repeat itself in China.

Revolutionary tendencies have a habit of being supplanted by constitutional procedures with the assumption of the responsibilities of government, and it is precisely for this reason that the foreign community in Shanghai reposes not a little confidence in the future of Sino-foreign relations as we stand on the threshold of a New Year. The change of atmosphere, at all events, furnishes a bright augury for the immediate future.

Coming of the Greyhounds.

The young bloods in the sporting realm of Shanghai are rejoicing over the arrival of the first consignment of racing greyhounds which, in due course of time, will be seen chasing, with fleet speed, the electrical hare.

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THIRTEEN CHINESE RESCUED.**MOTOR BOAT DRIFTS IN CHINA SEA.****ENGINE TROUBLE SEQUEL.**

Thirteen Chinese, the crew of the motor boat Sawi Maru, formerly a Japanese vessel registered in Formosa, which drifted from the China Sea to the coast off Mangarin, Mindoro province, following engine trouble, arrived in Manila last week on the inter-island steamer Dos Hermanos from Dinsol, Sorsogon province. They were accompanied by Pedro Aguado, customs agent at Legaspi, Albay province. They are now held at the Farola detention station, awaiting transportation to China.

According to information obtained from Mr. Jose Salgado, first officer of the steamer, Dos Hermanos, the motor boat was bought by a member of the crew from a Japanese in Formosa. The vessel left Formosa sometime ago to be registered in Hongkong. When the vessel was on the China Sea, the motor ceased to operate and a strong wind brought her off the coast of Mindoro.

The boat is about 200 feet long and 30 feet wide with a 120-horse power motor. When the vessel was investigated by the constabulary in Mindoro, she was found to have a cargo of 40 tons of coal and several tons of oil fuel. Mr. Salgado thinks the boat had on board contraband, possibly opium, valued at millions of pesos. This, however, he said, was not found as investigation by the constabulary took place three days after the boat was sighted and reported. He also thinks the report that the machine stopped and the vessel drifted there was only a pretence.

According to him, before the crew left Dinsol on the steamer Dos Hermanos, the owner sold the vessel for Pesos 10,000 to a Chinese proprietor in Pilar, Sorsogon province. She is on a drydock in Pilar undergoing repairs.

Missing Vessel.

A marine notification has been issued by the Bureau of the Customs in Manila, warning all ships to be on the look out for a Japanese motorboat, which has been reported missing in a cablegram received by the customs authorities. The vessel, named the Kaisai Maru No. 2, sailed from Takao, Formosa, on December 4, and ever since has not been seen nor heard from.

It was commanded by Captain Yozo Kawamoto, and had a crew of nine sailors.

FIGHTING NICARAGUAN REBELS.**U. S. MARINES USE AEROPLANE.**

Managua, Jan. 3. An aeroplane, belonging to the American Marines, bombed the forces of Sandino. There were several direct hits and it is believed that numerous casualties were inflicted.—*Reuter.*

Punitive Expedition.

Washington, Jan. 3. Two battalions of Marines have been ordered to Nicaragua as a punitive expedition against the rebel Sandino.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Rebels in Flight.

Managua, Jan. 3. American reinforcements marching on Quilali came into conflict with Sandino's troops. One Marine was killed and five wounded. The rebels fled to the mountains.

A feature of the recent fighting is the accuracy of the rebels' anti-aircraft fire against the American aeroplanes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PERNICIOUS RUMOUR.**HOPES OF DEFINITE DISPOSAL.**

London, Jan. 3. Satisfaction is expressed in official quarters in London at the communique issued by the United States Government repudiating the report that the British Government had raised the elevation of the guns of British battleships after the conclusion of the Washington Treaty.

It is hoped that this will definitely dispose of the rumour which has been revived on various occasions within the last few years, and which has had an unfavourable reaction on Anglo-American relations.—*British Wireless.*

FUNDS FOR FENG.**BIG SUM FROM NANKING.****FOR WAR EXPENSES.**

Nanking, Dec. 28. General Feng Yu-hsiang has acknowledged the receipt of \$2,000,000 for military expenses and a huge quantity of military supplies from the Nationalist Government in a despatch to the Military Council, informing the Council also that he has mobilized his main force to the Kin-Ian front and that he is soon going to Changteh, a strategic city on the border of Honan and Chihli, in order to direct the campaign personally.

Heavy Casualties.

The following report of the casualties suffered by the Shantung-Chihli and Sun Chuan-fang's forces as the result of their defeat on the Taiapu and Lungshai lines and in the Haichow region is issued by the Military Council:

1. On the Taiapu line: Shantung-Chihli, 4,000; Sun Chuan-fang, 3,000.

2. On the Lungshai line: Shantung-Chihli, 3,700;

3. In the Haichow region: Shantung-Chihli and Sun Chuan-fang combined, 2,700.—*Kuo Min.*

No Great Changes.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. According to later reports from Shantung, there have been no remarkable changes in the military situation at Hanchuang and Chingling. The Shantung troops have been stationed at Yenchow, leaving Marshal Sun's troops in the vicinity of Hanchuang.

The Shantung forces, stationed in the region of Chingling, have their first line at Chuyeh, and Shantung troops are at present confronting a party of General Feng Yu-hsiang's army, minor clashes taking place intermittently at the outpost line.

Indications are that both the Shantung and General Feng's forces will not take action for the time being.—*Toko.*

Clashes Expected.

Peking, Dec. 28. According to information from foreign sources, the troops of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang are now at Han-tan, while the Fengtien front is at Shenteh. Clashes between the opposing forces are expected to take place immediately.—*Kuo Wen.*

Wu's Guards Disarmed.

In a telegram dated the 27th December, to the Nanking Government Council, General Lang Sen, Commander of the 20th Army of the Nationalist Government, informed the Council that the armed guards maintained by Wu Pei-fu have been disarmed as ordered by the Government and that Wu himself had long moved to Suining.

FLOODS AT HOME.**COLLAPSE OF RAILWAY BRIDGE.**

London, Jan. 3. From all parts of the country continue to come reports of damage and difficulties caused by floods. The most notable happening to-day was the collapse of a bridge on the London and North-Eastern Railway, near Edmonton, on the main line from London to Cambridge. The mail train had only just passed. The line has been closed to traffic, causing considerable disorganisation, which would have been worse, but for the existence of an old loop line which has not been used for many years, but to which it was possible to divert traffic for Cambridge.—*British Wireless.*

Floods in London.

The floods caused by yesterday's rapid thaw and heavy rain continue to be serious, but during the night the temperature became lower and the rain ceased, thus easing the situation. A steady wind has prevented fog.

In London, the most serious flooding occurred in the Harlesden area where 200 houses and several roads were affected.

Many important roads in Southern England are impassable, but conditions in the Thames valley, owing to the preparations made by the Thames Conservancy Board, are less serious than had been anticipated. The water continues to rise at Reading, but the situation is considered well in hand and cold, dry weather to-day will assist the water to drain away.—*British Wireless.*

Hongkong passengers aboard the a.s. Empress of Asia, which arrived from Manila yesterday, included Colonel F. Eaves, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Major J. H. D. Sheppard, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, Mr. R. J. B. Clark and Mr. H. G. Swinburne.

ARMED ROBBERS IN SHANGHAI.**SIXTY FIGHT MERCHANT VOLUNTEERS.****SEVERAL CASUALTIES.**

A very serious shooting affair took place in the Ying Hsiang Zung Village in Chapei to the east of Dixwell Road Extension in Shanghai last week, when a gang of some 60 armed robbers clashed with members of the Chinese Merchant Volunteer Corps resulting in the death of one of the latter, and the wounding of three others.

Several robbers and six pedestrians were also wounded.

It appears that shortly after 5.30 p.m., two volunteers were on their way to headquarters and as they approached the corner of Lingting and Wuhua Road, they were approached by several men who questioned them. Before they could reply, the robbers opened fire.

Shops Looted.

The volunteers were unarmed and the robbers then proceeded to loot the shops in the vicinity. Another volunteer named Kwoh Yu-tung saw the affair and opened fire, shooting one of the robbers. The robbers returned the fire mortally wounding Kwoh.

The shots attracted the attention of other volunteers who rushed to the scene and a pitched battle took place. Members of the Tientung Fire Brigade also arrived intending to turn a hose on the robbers but they were fired at and had to retire. The police of the district numbering about 200 could only muster four Mausers and four rifles between them (having been deprived of their arms last March) and kept away from the scene.

Robbers Flee.

After looting for three quarters of an hour, the robbers made off in a northerly direction. The volunteers exchanged shots for some 15 minutes but there were no arrests effected. A considerable amount of loot was dropped by the robbers who, however, carried away their wounded. Some two hours later, soldiers arrived and searched the district but were unable to find any trace of the robbers.

The deceased volunteer had only been a member of the corps for three days and on his first night of duty succeeded in arresting three armed robbers. It is reported that a letter was received by the officer in command of the Volunteers from the chief robber stating that reprisals would be taken.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.**THE CHRISTMAS EVE TRAGEDY.**

Lo Chi-hing, who is charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi, a student of St. Paul's College on the night of December 25, appeared again before Major C. Willson, this morning, and was remanded until Wednesday next, January 11, when the case against him will be heard at 2.15 p.m.

It will be recalled that following a scuffle at the club-rooms of the South China Athletic Association, in China Building, between the defendant and the deceased, the defendant is alleged to have struck a blow, from the effects of which Ho Kwong-hoi died.

The defendant was represented by Mr. L. D. Turner. He was granted bail of \$1,000.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. In which part of the world is it mid-summer in January?
2. What is (a) paleontology, (b) ichthyology, (c) histology?
3. Where are the following towns: Brisbane; Calgary; Port Elizabeth; Colombo; Hobart?
4. How, in mythology, did Daphne escape from Apollo?
5. Who wrote the following: "Imaginary Conversations"; "The Cent"; "The Raven"; "A Shropshire Lad"?
6. Can an amkeper refuse to admit a traveller to his inn?
7. What is a subpoena?
8. Who held the following offices: Governor of the Bank of England; President of the Board of Trade; Secretary-General of the League of Nations?
9. With what industries are the following firms connected: Cammell, Laird Ltd.; Vickers Ltd.; Courtaulds; Carreras Ltd.
10. Explain "Fidelity Guarantee Insurance Ltd."?
11. Who is known as the "Dachau Judge"?
12. What do these letters stand for: D.S.O.; C.M.R.Z.S.L.; C.E.T.S.; D.D.; A.R.S.L.; F.A.S.E.I.

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VARIETY AT SATURDAY'S SHOW.

MARINE FRAZER'S DEBUT.

[By "Wanderer."]

While nothing has been arranged which could be regarded in the light of a drawing match, there is a nice variety about the programme arranged for the next tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association to be held at the Lee Theatre on Saturday next, which makes it certain that there will be no dearth of good sport.

The Association has had to transfer the venue to the Lee Theatre as the result of alterations and renovations to the City Hall, which is shortly to lose its roof for a period of a month or so, but arrangements have been made for quick transport after the show, and there are but few disadvantages on this score.

Fifty rounds of boxing are scheduled, two fights over the ten rounds distance and five over six rounds.

Frazer's First Appearance.

Considerable interest attaches to the initial appearance of Marine Frazer, of H.M.S. Tamar, who comes with a good reputation, with a long record of successes, notably at Plymouth, where he defeated two well-known men, Gomer and Stewart in successive weeks. He is matched over ten rounds against Leading Seaman Hall, the Ambrose scrapper, who is well-known to be a brawler of real merit. Hall was forced to retire from his last fight after sustaining a severe cut over the eye, but he is perfectly fit again and will give a good account of himself.

Cpl. McManus, an ex-I. S. B. A. champion, will show his places in Hongkong once again. A clever fighter, he is however best remembered for the manner in which he was outwitted by the left hand of that splendid youngster, Marine Mills. Since that occasion McManus has done a good deal of fighting in Shanghai and he is expected to show to much better advantage. His opponent on Saturday will be Signalmen Shons, whose reputation suffered very little by his defeat at the hands of Pte. Hume at the last tournament. He was fighting so strongly in the last three rounds after being badly punished earlier on that he pulled the bout round. Hume was badly knocked about and collapsed in his dressing room after standing on his feet long enough to receive the verdict. McManus and Shons are well matched and should provide one of the best bouts of the evening.

Decision Desired.

Heavy side-stakes are concerned with a six rounds return contest between Stoker Sharples and Marine Harris. After a gruelling battle at the last tournament, the verdict given was a draw, but it was generally felt that the referee had been in mind a caution administered to Sharples for boring. Neither man was fully satisfied with the decision and Saturday's scrap should be a good one.

The second ten-rounder concerns Signalmen Morris and A. B. Buckmaster, of the Hawkins. Signalmen Morris has been displaying such capital form of late that it is quite evident he is in the welterweight championship class. The fight on Saturday should be a good one for Buckmaster has an advantage in weight which should counter-balance any lack of experience. He has been doing well in Shanghai, is very muscular and a powerful hitter, and may bring off a surprise.

The Full Programme.

Names practically new to the local fans are concerned in the other contests, but their records indicate that they are capable of exhibitions well up to standard. The full programme is appended.

Six Rounds, Welterweights: Stoker Sharples v. Marine Harris. Ten Rounds, Welterweight: L.S. Hall v. Marine Frazer.

Ten Rounds, Middleweight: A.B. Buckmaster v. Sign. Morris.

Six Rounds, Heavyweights: P.O. Brackstone v. Cpl. Vince, R.A.

Six Rounds, Featherweights: Gnr. Ford, R.A. v. Sign. Crush.

Six Rounds, Featherweights: Cpl. McManus v. Sign. Shons.

Six Rounds, Welterweights: Sign. Batson v. Tel. Brooks.

MOTHERWELL LOSE AT FALKIRK.

FIVE AWAY WINS.

All the Scottish First Division teams were engaged in holiday matches yesterday, and though there were no out-and-out surprises, four teams were successful on foreign soil, while Motherwell were defeated at Falkirk, their reign at the head of affairs being thus rendered short-lived.

The Rangers, Celtic and Hearts were all on the winning side, but Cowdenbeath dropped several places as the result of a further failure.

One match was played in the English League, Bradford bringing off one of their best performances in a slashing defeat of the strong Rochdale team at Rochdale. The results as cabled by Reuter are appended:

Division III. (North).

Rochdale	0	Bradford	4
Scottish League.			
Clyde	1	St. Johnstone	0
Dundee	3	Bo'ness	2
Dunfermline	0	Hearts	2
Falkirk	2	Motherwell	1
Hamilton	0	Airdrieonians	2
Hibernians	0	Aberdeen	0
Kilmarnock	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Queen's Park	1	Celtic	2
Rath Rovers	1	St. Mirren	2
Rangers	2	Partick Thistle	1

Scottish League Table.

The Scottish League table, including the above matches, is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	22	17	3	2	68	20	37
Motherwell	23	16	4	3	61	23	36
Dunfermline	22	13	6	3	62	20	32
Celtic	23	13	3	7	51	29	29
St. Mirren	23	12	3	8	47	50	27
Falkirk	23	12	2	9	47	35	27
Kilmarnock	23	12	2	9	47	35	27
Aberdeen	24	11	3	10	41	45	25
Hibernians	23	10	4	9	48	41	24
Cowdenbeath	23	10	4	9	39	43	24
Partick	23	9	5	9	49	46	23
St. Johnstone	24	9	4	11	42	49	22
Airdrie	23	7	7	9	36	41	21
Dundee	23	8	4	11	38	46	20
Queen's Park	23	7	4	12	42	47	18
Rath Rovers	22	6	4	12	43	57	18
Hamilton	23	6	4	13	39	55	18
Clyde	23	7	2	14	30	50	16
Bo'ness	22	5	2	15	27	53	12
Dunfermline	23	3	2	18	25	73	8

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S BIG SCORE MOUNTING.

Capetown, Jan. 3. Continuing their second innings against South Africa, in the second Test Match, England carried the score to 339 for the loss of five wickets at tea-time. Sutcliffe contributed 99 and Tyldesley 87. —Reuter.

At the close of play, England had made 412, for the loss of eight wickets. Wyatt was 75, not out. —Reuter.

[England's first innings realised only 133, and South Africa's first innings totalled 250.]

Tale of Broken Bat.

London, Jan. 3. At the close of play in the second cricket Test Match at Capetown, England had scored 412 runs for eight wickets.

Sutcliffe, who made 99, had reached that total when he broke his bat. Playing with a new bat, he was dismissed without being able to make the one run needed to secure a century.

Tyldesley was responsible for 87 runs as the result of a patient innings of three hours and a quarter, against difficult bowling.

The South Africans who had an advantage over England of 117 runs on the first innings, are now faced with the prospect of having to make some 300 runs in their second innings in order to win. —British Wireless.

FANLING GOLF.

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD SEMI-FINALISTS.

The four semi-finalists left in the Governor's Shield are the Canadian Pacific (beat R.A.M.C.); the University (beat Wilkinson and Grist, 1 up); the A.P.C. (beat the Education Department, 2 up); and the P.W.D. (beat the Prison Department 3 and 2).

FANLING HUNT.

NEW YEAR POINT TO POINT.

[By "Rambler."]

Although the weather did not look very promising on New Year's Day it did not damp the enthusiasm of our local Huntsmen who turned out in force to participate in the first point to point, to be held at Fanling this season. In addition to the large number who were riding, quite a number of interested spectators turned out to see the start, which was made from de Sousa's bungalow.

Those who were lined up for the start included Skrine, Pollock, Macnamara, Durran, Reidy, Sewell, Charles, Durlacher, Hayley-Bell, Watson, Bolton, Beck, Potts, Osborne, Kerr, Backhouse, Hight, Hunter, Elliott, and Grier.

Mr. Stanton was the Master of Ceremonies, and after explaining the course which he had flagged himself, set the field going to a good start. Durran, Skrine and Potts took the lead and set a steady pace up to the first point which was rounded by Durran, Charles and Skrine. This order was maintained in the direction of the second point which was out of sight from the point of view of the spectators. The second point was rounded with Durran still in the lead, with the rest of the field fairly well sprung out in rear. Going very strong among the leaders, the first rider to eat earth was Watson who came a purler and rolled at least 15 feet down a steep bank. Spills were frequent inside the fifth and eighth points, owing to the slippery going. Moreover, most of the riders were soon mounted again none the worse for the spills, excepting Potts, who turned a complete somersault and was badly rolled on by his pony. He succeeded in remounting and finished among the leaders.

Quite near to the finish, Beck came a smasher which was rather unfortunate as he was riding very strongly and appeared to have the strength of the rest of the field. Coming over the hill, the first rider to be seen was Reidy on Mowgli, and, whatever chance he had of winning, was spoilt by his pony running out at the first of one of the made-up jumps. Drake also took Durran wide, which allowed Skrine, Pollock and Macnamara to finish in that order.

From the point of view of the riders, Mr. Stanton deserves full marks for the run, the going was all that could be desired, with, I am told, very few obstacles that were in any way difficult. After the winners' names had been announced, everyone gathered at Mrs. J. Paterson's bungalow where they were served with tea. The Master of the Fanling Hounds in a brief speech thanked Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson for all they had done for the Fanling Hunt and pointed out what a loss it would be to the Hunt to lose two such strong supporters when they departed for Shanghai. Three lusty cheers were then called for, after which Mrs. R. J. Paterson presented the cup to the winner, Lieutenant C. J. Skrine.

THE HOCKEY SHIELD.

NEW FIXTURE LIST ARRANGED.

Owing to the R.A.F. (Kai Tak) having expressed a wish to compete in the Shield Competition, a revised list of fixtures has now been arranged and is given below, but this list should be noted, is subject to confirmation by the Army. The first match will be between the Navy and the R.A.F. and is to be played on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, on Friday next, January 6th, commencing at 4.30.

The list of fixtures is as follows:
Jan. 6—Navy v. R.A.F.
" 11—Club v. Army.
" 16—Navy v. Army.
" 18—Club v. Navy.
" 23—Navy v. Army.
" 25—Club v. R.A.F.
" 30—Army v. R.A.F.
Feb. 7—Club v. Army.
" 3—Navy v. R.A.F.
" 8—Club v. Navy.
" 13—Army v. R.A.F.
" 15—Club v. R.A.F.

GIBRALTAR STRAITS SWIM.

MISS HUDSON GIVES UP.

London, Jan. 3. After being in the water for eight hours and twenty-nine minutes, Miss Hudson last night gave up her attempt to swim the Straits of Gibraltar. She was then four and a half miles from the Spanish coast. —British Wireless.

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Looker On"]

It was a pity that the game between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Navy was left draws, but it was impossible for a single ball to be bowled on Monday. It is most unusual for cricket to be stopped by rain at this time of the year. It is difficult to forecast what might have happened if the match had been completed but I doubt whether the Club would have dismissed the Navy side a second time as cheaply as they did on Saturday. Wales, I am told, bowled exceptionally well. He kept an excellent length and was gaining more pace than usual off the wicket, but I cannot help thinking that he gets many of his wickets because batsmen are inclined to treat him with too much respect.

The Army are due to play the Navy in the third match of the Triangular Tournament on to-day and to-morrow commencing at 11 a.m. each day.

The Army side is apparently a very weak one—Dobbie, Thorp, Hankey, Bridgeland and Fogden being unable, for various reasons, to play. Two new arrivals, Colonel Wyatt and Lieut. Musson, both very useful players are also unable to turn out. So that of their regular team they will only have Morris, Erskine, Miles, Tyringham, and Newbery. At full strength they have one of the best Army Sides that has been in the Colony for many years.

The Navy, I understand, will have their strongest available side in the field.

The Kowloon and Army match at the K.C.C. on Saturday was a quaint game. Kowloon won the toss and elected to bat. Brace and Lyal opened for them. Lyal was dismissed almost immediately and was replaced by Fincher. Brace and Fincher took about an hour to score 30 runs before the lunch interval. On resumption the Kowloon side livened things up somewhat and at about 3.50 declared for 4 wickets for 157 thereby giving the Army about an hour and half to get the runs. Moreover they got them, the winning hit being made off the last ball of the last over of the match.

Fincher made 65 not out for Kowloon. It was not as good a knock as many I have seen him play. He was slow. He always is. This may pay in Interport Cricket and two or three day games but I think he should be a little more enterprising, even at the risk of losing his wicket, in these short games.

The Army have to thank Dobbie, Morris and Musson (not Musson) for their victory. They all batted well and went for the runs and deserved to get them.

Lieut. Musson appears to be a particularly useful cricketer. He is brother of F. W. Musson who has kept wicket for Lancashire. I hear he is a better bowler than a bat but on Saturday, in spite of lack of practice, he appeared to be no mean exponent at both. He is out here for some time and will be most useful for the R.A. and Army teams.

There is little comment to be made on Saturday's League games which have been more or less fully reported upon elsewhere. The Indian R.C. "A" appear to have shown lack of enterprise in not going for the runs against Craigen-gower. There is too much of that sort of thing in League Cricket, I'm afraid. That is why the "so-called" Friendly games are so much more interesting to take part in and to watch.

I was most interested to see the figure showing the result of the Ballot by the members of the Yorkshire Club for the Captaincy of Yorkshire. It looks as if the question has not been definitely decided after all. It seems certain now that the appointment of an amateur will stand. The Committee cannot possibly go against the overwhelming majority in favour of one. Presumably the appointment of Captain Worsley will be confirmed. It was stated in a contemporary a few days ago that he is an officer in the Yorkshire Regiment. This is true up to a point. I see he belongs to the 5th Territorial Battalion of the Green Howards (Prince of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment), so he will be able to turn out regularly for the county. It is difficult for a regular officer, on the active list to play in all games throughout the summer on account of the training season.

South Africa cannot be said to have put up much of a show against England in the First Test match at Johannesburg last week, England winning by 10 wickets. As far as I remember, this match was to have been played on matting. Hammond's 5 for 36 sounds excellent. There's no doubt he must be one of the best all-rounders playing English cricket to-day and is certain of place in the next M.C.C. side. Speaking at random he is the only outstanding all-

VICEROY'S CUP RESULT.

NIGHTJAR WINS.

Calcutta, Dec. 26. The race for the Viceroy's Cup resulted as follows:—

Mr. A. Bowie's Nightjar 1
Mr. Kelsa's Ventoso 2
Mr. Wadia's Domestic Bond 3
Eight ran. Won by a neck, a length and a half between second and third. The Rs. 10 tote paid Rs. 94; 19.8. 16.8 and 60.8.

Orange William, a previous winner, was again unplaced, just as he was in the King Emperor's Cup.

RACING FOR TERRIERS.

AN ELECTRIC RAT.

London, Dec. 24. Electric rat racing for terriers starts on Feb. 6th at the Stadium Club in Holborn.

Shares in the greyhound racing companies recovered after the fall due to the Home Secretary's warning that he was investigating abuses.

The main complaints are as to the serious effects the absorption in betting is having on juveniles in the elementary schools.

UNRULY CROWD.

TROUBLE AT Highbury.

London, Dec. 24. In the league match between the Arsenal and Everton, which was played at Highbury, the referee, owing to the attitude of a noisy crowd, was compelled to take the unusual course of trying to address them.

The trouble arose through the crowd's resentment of the tactics of the Everton players, for which they were cautioned whilst the crowd booed them.

SET AGAINST STAG-HUNTING.

LEGISLATION DECLINED.

London, Dec. 24. The Home Secretary Sir W. Joynson Hicks in the absence of a demand from the public has declined to sanction legislation to suppress stag-hunting.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

I.R.C. "B" v. R.G.A.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. "B" in the above match on Saturday, the 7th inst., at Sookunpoo Valley.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, A. S. Sufiad, A. K. Minu, I. Hassan, D. Mohamed, S. A. Husain, A. Rahmin, A. K. Ismail, Sirdar Khan and A. Butt. Reserve:—U. T. Thad and E. M. K. Malabhouy.

STERN SOVIET SENTENCES.

DISHONEST OFFICIALS TO DIE.

Moscow, Jan. 3. Charged with abusing their official posts, M. Pollakov, the Commercial Director of the Grain Department of the State Bank, and his assistant named Telesnin, have been sentenced to death and their property has been confiscated.

Nine merchants have been sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment on cognate charges. It was alleged that Pollakov and Telesnin communicated secret commercial information to private merchants and sold the latter's grain on more favourable terms than to the State Departments. —Reuter.

JERSEY'S GIFT.

CONTRIBUTION TO BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 3. The Administration of the Island of Jersey, has forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer a cheque for £200,000 as a contribution to war expenditure. —British Wireless.

rounder of the younger generation in England. He is also a superb field anywhere. E. R. T. Holmes, last year's Oxford Captain, who plays for Surrey, is the only other one I can think of at the moment. I understand he will be able to afford the time to play first-class cricket regularly for some years to come. If he has a successful season this Summer I shouldn't be surprised to see him selected to captain England's next side to Australia.

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A SLUR ON ST. CECILIA.

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF MUSICIANS.

St. Cecilia's Day was celebrated by a service at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 23, attended by the Worshipful of Musicians—once upon a time the Guild of the Meistersingers of the City of London.

Little is heard of the activities of this venerable company, whose origins lie in the Middle Ages, and the annual service is the public's one opportunity of seeing its members in the flesh. As they made their way in procession up the nave—more or less like Sachs and his friends in the third act of Wagner's opera, dressed in blue gowns trimmed with fur, with a banner on which figured St. Cecilia, their patroness—few well-known musical personages were seen, such as the 80-year-old Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Mr. W. W. Cobbett. But for the most part the Worshipful Company is unknown to the musical world.

Nor was their special service of quite enough distinction. It was little more than an everyday service. The Worshipful Company, if it had felt itself representative of the musical spirits of the City of London, could surely have inspired something more majestic.

Lost Opportunities.

The opening hymn ("As the World Turneth") was not in itself very dignified, and the tune, by Sir George Martin, a poor one, obviously failed to interest the choir. The psalms were sung extraordinarily fast, considering what the acoustics of the nave of St. Paul's are.

We heard the real quality of the choir in an anthem, "Sing unto God," by the late organist of St. Paul's, Dr. Charles MacPherson. This was a serious and well-written piece in a style somewhere between pure liturgical music and concert oratorio. It seemed to need orchestral accompaniment. The singing was admirable. Such quality as the boys produced is rarely heard. But the music was felt to belong to mixed-voice choral societies.

The canticles were by Dr. G. J. Bennett, of Lincoln, who had also composed an Elegy for organ in memory of recently deceased members of the Company (E. W. Nicholls, J. J. Bisgood, Joseph Pollak, and Charles MacPherson).

The Worshipful Company of Musicians is not a mere cipher. Exhibitors at the Guildhall School of Music who enjoy its bounty know that. But it was obvious enough from yesterday's service that its pulse is sluggish. These London Meistersingers do not play up to their imposing name, their hoary history, or the possibilities of the day.

R. C.

£10,000 FOR A BOWL.

CENTURIES OLD MAZER SOLD IN FIFTEEN SECONDS.

London, Nov. 19. An early fifteenth century mazer—a simple drinking bowl of maple wood bound with silver—was sold for £10,000 at Hurcomb's auction-rooms yesterday.

It was offered at \$9,750, for mazers are rare and in ardent demand. About sixty are known, and most of them belong to Oxford and Cambridge colleges and to City companies.

Inscription.

This mazer was the property of Sir Malcolm MacGregor, chief of the "Clan MacGregor." It has been in his family for almost 500 years. The rim is bound with silver, and the silver is inscribed: "Ninian Bannachtyne, Lord of ye Camls, Son to Umquhyle Robert Bannachtyne of ye Camls."

A modern transcription would read: Ninian Bannachtyne, lord of Kames, son to the late Robert Bannachtyne of Kames. Kames is an old castle in the Isle of Bute, and the mazer came to the MacGregors through intermarriage with the Bannachtyne.

The mazer is ten inches in diameter, and has a silver base and silver straps between the base and rim. There is also a carved bone cover. The "print" or knob in the centre of the interior of the bowl is silver-gilt, and in the form of an heraldic lion. It is surrounded by four medallions of the arms of Stuart, Douglas, Hamilton, and Crawford.

The last mazer to be sold which approached the beauty of this piece realised £8,000.

A Queen's Book.

The sale of a small Book of Devotions that had belonged to Catherine Parr, the last Queen of Henry VIII., was second in importance to that of the mazer, and exceeded it in romantic interest. The book, which is perhaps two inches square, and is handwritten in Old English characters, went for £260 to Messrs. S. J. Phillips.

A Latin inscription at the end of the book is translated as follows: "Formerly the private manual of Catherine Parr, Queen and survivor of Henry VIII., given to the Lady Tuke, daughter of the Lord Bryan Tuke (one of the Privy Council of the aforesaid King) and my great grandmother, by her passed on to the Lady Margaret Hastings, my cousin, to whom I am thankfully indebted for it. October 7th. In the year of the incarnation of our Lord 1669. Thos. Lawrence."

RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY.

DR. BARNES'S FAITH.

London, Dec. 7. The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes), who was denounced recently in St. Paul's Cathedral, when he entered the pulpit, has published a book entitled "Should Such a Faith Offend?"

Answering his critics, he disassociates himself from the modernists of the Left typified by the Roman Catholics whom Pius X. crushed, whose idea of divine imminence was virtually pantheism.

"I need," says Dr. Barnes, "a God who is our father, who rules the world and loves the world with a father's love."

Dr. Barnes sets aside the synoptic gospel accounts of the incarnation, preferring the opening of the gospel of St. John. Apropos the eucharist he says: "As a result of consecration no spiritual presence is attached to, or inheres in, the elements. The root principle of idolatry is belief in a Deity localised in material objects through the invocation of a priest."

BRUTAL MURDER.

THREE MEN SENTENCED.

London, Dec. 2. John Rowlands, Edward Rowlands, and Daniel Driscoll have been sentenced to death for the murder of David Lewis, a Cardiff footballer. All declared that they were innocent. William Price was found not guilty and discharged.

It was alleged at the trial that four men surrounded Lewis, held his arms behind his back, cut his throat, and left him to die in the roadway.

CAMPAIGN OF MAIMING.

"RACKETEER" BOSSES' METHODS.

New York, Dec. 1. Chicago, which is constantly evolving new forms of crime, is to witness the trial this week of two "racketeers" on a charge connected with maiming threats.

According to the police the theory of the "racketeers"—who are engaged in terrorising trade unions and business associations—is that "a dead man earns nothing and is consequently a total loss as a payer of tribute money, whereas a workman becomes quite tractable when he is starving because of his inability to earn a living." Acting on this theory the "racketeers" are now torturing recalcitrant members of associations and trade unions by breaking their bones and maiming them instead of seeking to compel obedience by slugging, window breaking, and the bombing of houses and business establishments.

Two "racketeers," one of whom was shot by a policeman while attempting to escape, confessed yesterday that they had planned to smash all the bones in the hands of dental mechanics whom they considered "scabs." The "racketeers" were arrested when the offices of the Dental Laboratories Mechanics' Union were raided.

One prisoner proved to be Henry Attles, "president of the union." The other, whom a policeman shot, was a chauffeur and notorious "beer runner" before he became a member of the "racketeers," who secure their election as trade union officials with the persuasive influence of their guns. Behind a picture hanging on the wall of the Dental Mechanics' Union the police found a list of members condemned to have their fingers battered into uselessness.

MISSING HEIR.

£20,000 INVOLVED.

London, Dec. 2. George Pilgrim Holford, who is entitled to fortunes of £10,000 each in England and Australia, has vanished. If the lawyers' search for him fails steps to administer the estates will be taken. During the case in which the family established its claim to an English estate worth £70,000, Holford was certified a lunatic and sent to an asylum, he escaped from an attendant, visited solicitors and, it is alleged, demanded money, flourishing a revolver. A clerk chased him out of the office. Holford was next heard of in New South Wales, where he owned a sheep station and then he disappeared.

LENIN'S BRAIN.

EXAMINED BY BERLIN PROFESSOR.

London, Nov. 22.

The Moscow *Pravda* reports a meeting of "responsible party workers" before whom the Berlin Professor Foelt read a paper on his examination of Lenin's brain.

It appears that two years ago a special institute was formed at Moscow for the sole purpose of the examination of Lenin's brain by Professor Foelt. Special machinery and instruments were ordered in German factories and a number of German scientists were engaged for the work. The present report (further investigations are being made) states that Lenin's mental life had much more developed cells (than the average). His combination ability (Kombinatorikaya Spasobnost) was much higher; this was proved by the greater development of the joints of the pyramidal cells; the feelings of reality and the checking of impressions were much higher; ideas and impressions received in one place were checked and supplemented by a number of other pyramidal cells and other associates.

The work of comparing Lenin's brain with brains of ordinary people necessitated 34,000 incisions.

AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA.

SIR H. DENISON RESIGNS.

New York, Dec. 2.

The *New York Times* publishes a despatch from Canberra stating: "It is understood that Sir Hugh Denison has expressed grave dissatisfaction to Mr. Bruce regarding the recognition given the Australian Commissioner by American officials, especially in regard to facilitating trade. The Ministry is reported to be disappointed with the results of the opening of the American office and it is possible that no further appointments will be made by Mr. Bruce."

Sir Hugh Denison commenting on this, said: "I want to make very clear that I have met with nothing but hospitality and kindness since my appointment to the United States. I will make several recommendations to Mr. Bruce when I return, and as a result it is possible that the entire system of Australian representation in the United States may be revised. This change, however, will be made purely in the light of Australia's increasing importance in the trade world, and is in no way intended as an expression of dissatisfaction with the recognition of Australia in America."

Sir Hugh Denison declined to discuss the reasons for his resignation which he said were private. He will leave for London on January 14th, en route to Australia.

LIVING PICTURES BROADCAST.

WONDERS CLAIMED FOR NEW INVENTION.

London, Nov. 21.

A wonderful new device to be used in conjunction with wireless broadcasting has recently been patented by two young British inventors.

It is called "Telemotion," and if the claims for this special mechanism are substantiated it will be possible for a wireless listener, sitting at home, to see, pictured before him, the incidents of a horse race, or even of a football match.

Negotiations have been entered into by the sponsors of the device for trials to be made not only in England, but in France and the United States.

"Telemotion" is an elaboration of electrical timing of any movement. The invention will record, for example, the running of greyhounds on a race track. As the dogs race round the course their progress will be "written" by wireless signals, which can be broadcast, so that any person having the necessary apparatus at home can see the reproduction of those signals on a miniature track or on a screen, and so watch the actual race run before him.

Horse Racing.

It is the same with horse racing, or with any sporting event in which the movement of the figures is "organized," as it were, and proceeds on defined lines.

"We can transmit practically any moving objects," said Dr. J. H. T. Robert, one of the inventors, to a *Daily Express* representative yesterday. "The reproducing arrangement may be connected to a cinema projector, and a race or other sporting event (for instance, the Boat-race) shown on the screen to the audience as the event is actually taking place."

"One important point about this new invention is that it depends entirely on established electromagnetic principles. 'Telemotion' does not in any way employ photo-electric cells on the phenomenon of persistence of vision, which have hitherto proved such enormous difficulties in the development of television."

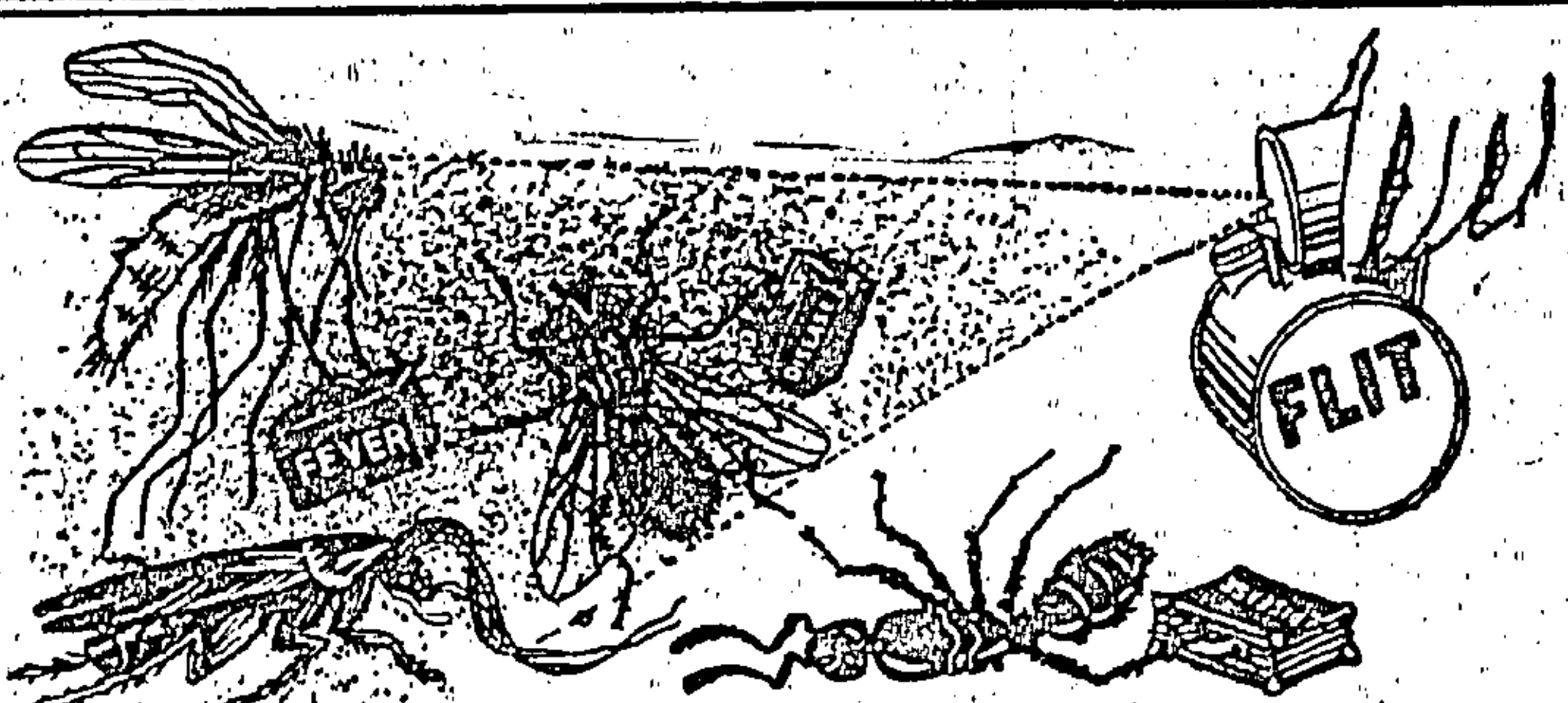
The invention has also a number of other commercial possibilities.

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes was returned at an inquest at Addlestone, Surrey, on Frederick Golf, a retired grocer, of Banbury, N., who within an hour of saying, "I know what my death will be; I shall drop dead in the street," died at Addlestone Station after seeing his daughter-in-law in her coffin.

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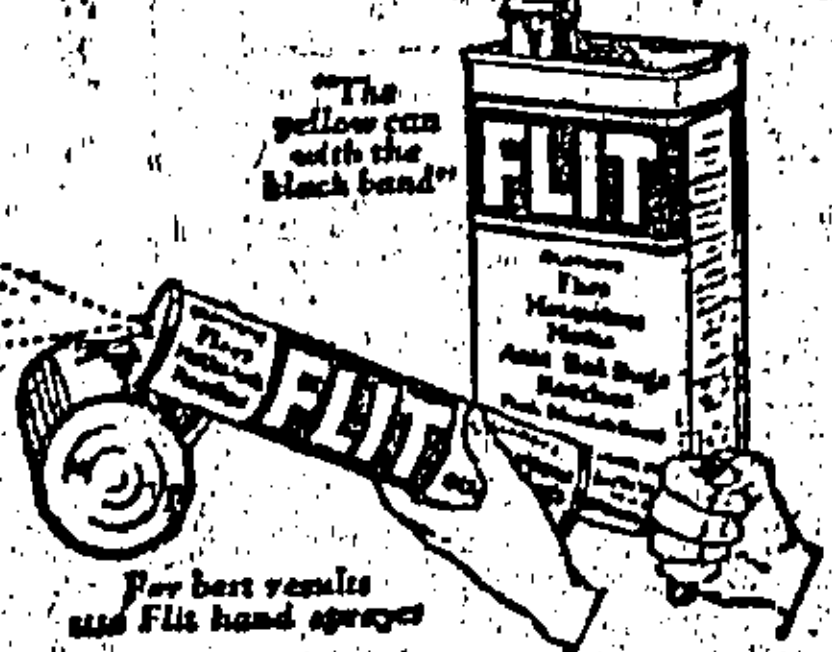
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OUR SERIAL STORY

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Danya, the Dreamer."

MRS. DE BURGH, an Irish widow, BEATA, her daughter, a young novelist.

CRONCH, the sinister caretaker of the Moated Grange, let to the de Burghs.

MRS. CRONCH, his wife.

ANTHONY NAPIER, a young officer whom Beata and her mother have met in London.

DASH, a half-blind dog.

CHAPTER VII.

The house was bright and warm enough to dispel any vapours. The drawing-room was beautiful in the firelight. Cronch brought them tea and suggested a lamp, but they rejected the idea, saying they would sit in the firelight for a time, and he went away soft-footed, closing the door behind him.

They sat by the fire enjoying their tea, which was China. The little silver jug of cream reminded them of Glen Assaroe. Mrs. Cronch sent them in delicious little tarts, cakes, very short and crisp, with real country butter. The blinds were drawn down over the windows, but the croaking of the frogs came in so clearly that it was apparent a window was open. The fire burnt up briskly enough to send all the shadows packing into distant corners of the room and round the screen that stood by the door, a beautiful screen of fretted and carved Moorish work lined with a wonderful pink brocade.

"I shall fetch my knitting," said Beata, when they had finished tea, "and while I knit you shall play to me. Were you not up-lifted, darling, to find a grand piano? It was really a good bit of luck, don't you think?"

"I hope it isn't spoilt with the damp here," her mother replied. "If it is not, it is going to be a great joy—a very great joy, indeed."

When Beata was upstairs looking for her knitting, which Mrs. Cronch had put away tidily in the bedroom, which was lit only by the moonlight, she heard her mother begin to play. It was something of Grieg's, delicate as moonlight. Somewhere the moon must be shining like that, pure and a little cold. Even now the mist outside was suffused by it. The mist was always there, she supposed, from the stagnant waters of the moat and from the lake.

Her window looked towards the lake. She stood an instant gazing that way. The mist swayed as though a light wind had sprung up. For a moment she almost thought she saw the shape of a woman in it; but, of course, it was only the mist.

She found the rainbow silk she was knitting into a jumper, and went downstairs, congratulating herself that they were at the Moated Grange and not in London. At least the mist was clean here. London would be strangling in fog. She had laid aside a number of small things grimed by the London atmosphere, which she was going to wash. She loved a bit of manual work now and again as a relief from the writing. It would be so satisfactory to wash the soiled things, such a reward to see the black water after the first washing and the pretty things gradually regaining their colour as she rinsed them in many waters.

She ran downstairs briskly. The mist came into the house, making it cold. The rooms had been very cold, but with the fires they were going to keep, the chill would be routed.

The drawing-room was rosy in firelight. "Mrs. de Burgh," at the piano, lifted her hands as Beata came in and struck the final chord. Again Beata had the illusion of someone standing behind her mother. She looked again: there was no one there. It had been only an effect of the shadow and the firelight.

"Ring for the lamp, please, Beata," Mrs. de Burgh said. "I must write some letters. I have to thank our friend Mr. Napier for his wonderful kindness the other day, and return the money he so kindly lent us."

"Yes, do, mamma," Beata had a sudden inexplicable feeling of a warm touch with the outer world. After all, the Moated Grange was a little remote. It was nice to think of pleasant people not too far away. Perhaps Anthony Napier might come sometimes to these parts, though his card bore only the address, "Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly." He was a soldier, of course; he could have been nothing else. In his muffi hat and fair hair he had betrayed the soldier.

Mrs. de Burgh rang and Mrs. Cronch brought the lamp. As she set it down and turned up the light the shadow left the room: it was all so brightly lit. She apologised, saying that Cronch had taken some letters to the post. It was a good mile and three-quarters to the road where the box was that was cleared every evening. If the ladies would

leave any letters they wanted to post in the basket on the hall table, Cronch would see to their being posted.

Having finished with the lamp she knelt and attended to the fire, which did not really need attention. It was as though she liked to stay, when she had got to her feet again she stood a little in the background, sipping in a slow, monotonous voice.

"Would the ladies tell her of anything they needed to make them more comfortable? They would like hot bottles in their beds? And a morning cup of tea? When did they like their bath? If the young lady had any bits of washing to do, he would be pleased to do them. Or mending?" Mrs. Cronch had plenty of time, apparently. While she talked she stared at Beata as though she could not take her eyes off the girl's face.

Suddenly she broke out on a sudden note. "It was good to have someone in the house again. She never was used to the country. Cronch was no company. He had nothing to say for himself. He didn't even read her scraps out of the newspaper. Murders and fires and accidents, or such-like, what she was always used to. She could not read herself. Something wrong with her glasses, she supposed: there was something came between her and the print."

"Oh," said Beata, joyfully, "I will come and read the murders to you, Mrs. Cronch. I always read the papers to the servants at home on Sunday afternoon. It will be like old times for me."

"It will be like 'Eving to me to hear your voice, miss," said Mrs. Cronch, solemnly.

She went towards the door and came back again.

"I've had lonesome times in this house," she said. "What with Cronch comin' up behind you so soft you'd never hear him till he come, makin' you 'oller, and that there dog that's for ever sighin' and groanin' over the dead. It ain't any catch this this yer Moated Grange, not at least for a woman like me accustomed to London."

Cronch he seemed to mind. He were an old gentleman's servant and travelled all over the world with him, as now is ready to settle. He's a travelled man, Cronch. He never will call France abroad. But he's contented, and I'm not. There, he couldn't thank me for settin' you again the place. But I doubt ye'll stay. It's croaky for a young thing like you, miss, this yer desolate spot."

"I'm coming to make friends with Dash while my mother writes her letter," said Beata, jumping up. "You must let me come and read the papers to you often, when Cronch is out. There are plenty of things we can do together. You must teach me some cooking. You won't find it lonely with me, I promise you."

"My! you do talk lovely but I warn you, that dog's savage, miss," Mrs. Cronch said, solemnly. "If he was goin' to attack you I couldn't interfere if it was ever so. He hev a broken heart, that dog."

"Oh, poor darling," said Beata, "how dreadful! Why has he a broken heart, Mrs. Cronch?"

"Twere his lady were drownded," said Mrs. Cronch, in a hollow voice. "Let alone Master Hugh. He were Master Hugh's dog first."

"I would give you the creeps so twould, to see him a-goin' to look for her, hopeful-like, now and again and comin' back east down as though he remembered. It won't go for walks with Cronch. He's too haughty, that dog. Looks at him as much as to ask him what he has to go orderin' him. Sir! I'd like to think the world of that dog, though he's left him. He can't help it neither. He just couldn't soider not where her Ladyship 'n Master Hugh was gone out of."

"Oh, poor man and poor dog! It sounds a sad story," said Mrs. de Burgh, looking up from the pad upon which she was writing. "We must try to win him, darling. But do be careful, in case he's a little morose."

"I'm not the kind of fool who rushes upon a dog without knowing him," said Beata, and went out with Mrs. Cronch.

Mrs. de Burgh wrote her letter to Anthony Napier. He was an Irish Guardsman—Captain Anthony Napier, M.C. and D.S.O. He must have done well to get his company so young. He could hardly be more than twenty-five.

She wrote one or two other letters. Beata had not returned. When she had finished writing she laid down her pen on the table which Beata had brought for her, and stretched her hands to the fire. There was a chilly air coming from somewhere, the open window presumably, or was the door into the room Cronch had called Lady Agatha's Room ajar? She went towards the door to see. It was slightly ajar, and a flickering light was visible through the slit—there

HOME RUGBY.

SOME LATE RESULTS.

London, Dec. 24. The weather turned moist and warm to-day after the recent frosts and football in consequence was in no way hampered. The chief results under the Rugby code were as follows:

Blackheath 9, Devonport Services 0.
Swansea 36, Watsonsians 3.
Richmond 11, Fettes 18.
Edinburgh Acads. 19, Lon. Scots 5.
Northampton 26, Old Blues 3.
Bristol 26, Plymouth 5.
Soccer: Corinthians 11, Northern Nomads 3.

POOR RACE ENTRIES.

LINCOLNSHIRE AND GOLD CUP.

London, Dec. 24. The entries for the Spring racing handicaps are weak. There are only 46 noted for the Lincolnshire none of which are French, and 26 for the Ascot Gold Cup, 4 of which are French.

must be a fire there. How lavish they were with fires at the Moated Grange! They had found fires in their bedrooms when they came and full scuttles by the hearth, with tightly packed wood-baskets. They had certainly been fortunate in coming to all this generosity. After the plentiful life at Glen Assaroe it had seemed strange to have to buy everything they needed. "She remembered and smiled over the memory of Bridget, who had accompanied them to the first little suburban house they had occupied after the great spaces of Glen Assaroe. Bridget had a way of breaking in upon them in the drawing-room with such exclamations as: 'Parley! Two pennies for parsley—Glory be to God! Wouldn't the people be alingin' it at you in Ireland?'"

She pushed open the door. Yes, it was firelight, that sweet and pleasant light, which was flickering on wall and ceiling. The room looked very pleasant—a low, white room, with watercolours in gilt frames hanging on the walls. A pink carpet and pink and white chintzes. Brightly polished furniture which reflected the firelight, china in cupboards, quantities of china more fitted to a sitting-room than a bedroom, showing its gilt and coloured surfaces through the glass doors of the cabinets.

The room was icy cold. When it ought to have been cosy and warm. No wonder she had felt the chill, sitting cozily by her drawing-room fire. Yet she did not see where it could come from. The windows—lattice windows—were fastened behind their drawn curtains of the rosy chintz. The cold seemed to come from the walls and the floor.

She glanced at the bed which looked comfortably soft in the firelight, and wondered if anyone ever slept there. Odd, that chilliness! And yet the room did not seem damp; all the polished surfaces shone—the furniture, the brass jambs of the fireplace. It was mysterious. She hoped she had not taken a chill.

There was something like an illuminated scroll above the fireplace. She went over to it, lighting a candle to read it. "Lady Agatha's prayers for her descendants: that this room that was hers be kept as far as possible as she left it."

She went back to the drawing room, closing the door carefully. She wondered if the room had been as cold in Lady Agatha's day. Probably the water ran under Lady Agatha's room; she noticed that some of the rooms with the lattice windows projected over the moat. That would be the explanation. The room was kept from damp by constant fires, but the chill ascended and had enveloped it.

Something came into her head as she threw another log on to the drawing-room fire and a flame ran up the side and licked it with a purring noise and a resinous smell. It was the memory of a lively feminine voice in the drawing-room of an old stone keep in Ireland, which made the centre of a big house.

"Is it ghosts?" the voice was saying. "We have three—more than our share. One is the Clammy Hand laid on your face in sleep. That is not a nice ghost. A visitor of ours stretched his hand for the matches in the darkness. The box was put into his hand. He said he didn't mind the Clammy Hand, but he couldn't stand that. We don't use that room any longer. Another is the Blue Gentleman. Larry Fairfax met him on the stairs one dark day before Christmas as he was coming down for an early breakfast. The meet was the other side of the county. Said Larry that evening: 'What a toff your new footman is! I didn't think they dressed them like that nowadays.' The third is just an old lady in grey, who creeps about and does no one any harm. She is an ancestress. I don't know why she walks, poor soul!"

Lady Fitz Ulick was a woman of a very lively imagination.

(To be continued.)

SHANGHAI DEATH SENTENCES.

FIVE AT ONE COURT SESSION.

NEW RECORD REACHED.

In the Provisional Court at Shanghai last Thursday, Judge Wan, with whom sat Mr. C. E. Whitmore, Senior Consul's Deputy, established a record in passing the death sentence, when he ordered that five members of a gang should be handed over to the Chinese authorities to be executed.

This number was exceeded by old Mixed Court officials; but during the year that the Provisional Court has functioned, it has not been equalled. Several of the gang had committed three crimes, the punishment for each of which is death.

Shroff's Murder.

The immediate charge of which they were found guilty referred to their murder of Mr. S. H. Harcourt's shroff, the attempted murder of the two watchmen, and the theft of \$2,000 on September 25, 1927. At previous hearings evidence had been given by eye-witnesses to the murder and statements to the Court by Det-Insp. Conduit, who conducted the prosecution. Detectives attached to Louza police station arrested the gang on October 2, within a week from the time they committed the murder.

The Provisional Court at that time ordered their remand. Further investigations showed that between August 11 and October 2, they had taken part in 17 crimes of violence, the proceeds of which amounted to \$15,000.

In prosecuting the men, Insp. Conduit pointed out that the gang were wealthy, and had informers who led them to houses where large sums of money and jewellery were kept. The Court also ordered the confiscation of a pistol, 99 rounds of ammunition, and about \$370 which were found when the gang were arrested.

40 Await Execution.

In this connexion it is interesting to note that there are 40 men in the Municipal Gaol, awaiting execution.

The Provisional Court on Thursday also sentenced four men to 12 years' imprisonment each, on charges of extortion, they having demanded \$50,000 from a wealthy Chinese. Detectives from Louza station, commanded by Det-Insp. Conduit, arrested them on October 5. They were remanded for investigation, and sentence was passed yesterday. The charges against two members of the gang were dismissed.

Pavil Greberekoff, 16 Broadway Terrace, who was found guilty of attempted larceny of a motor horn in Wongsikaw Gardens, was sentenced to 40 days' imprisonment.

SNAKE FIGHT IN MID-AIR.

THRILLING FLYING ADVENTURE.

Rangoon, Jan. 3.

The occupants of the "Red Rose" had an exciting adventure with a snake in mid-air shortly after leaving Rangoon yesterday.

A brown snake appeared beneath Mrs. Keith Miller's seat and Captain Lancaster tried to kill it by stamping on it. He missed, however, and the snake wriggled further into the cockpit. Mrs. Miller, most calm, took out a control lever and killed the reptile with it.

The machine was landed on the beach at Maunmagan where they spent the night.—*Reuter*.

Another Version.

Mrs. Keith Miller, who is flying to Australia with Captain Lancaster, has had an extraordinary adventure with a snake.

On the way from Rangoon to Tavoy, where the aeroplane has now arrived, Captain Lancaster noticed a snake in his cockpit. He was unable to leave the control. The snake glided into Mrs. Miller's cockpit behind the pilot. Mrs. Miller, after a struggle, succeeded in baptizing the snake to death.

It is believed that the reptile entered the machine while the latter stood on the Rangoon racecourse.—*British Wireless*.

Nome.—Mount McKinley National Park has saved big game in Alaska. Caribou, sheep, moose and deer seem to have learned that the park is an absolute game sanctuary and is a safe breeding ground. Those that wander out of the limits may be killed by hunters, who report an excellent year, with good quality fur.

SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Shanghai, aside from enjoying the somewhat unenviable distinction of possessing the longest bar in the world, is also blessed with scores of athletic clubs embracing every form of sport. The advent of the greyhounds adds one more outdoor pastime to the long list of recreations with which the jaded Shanghaiander is wont to beguile the shining hour when he is not consuming liquor in club bars. Small wonder that the coming of the canines has been heralded with anticipatory delights usually associated with a new thrill.

Despite the appeal made to the public by Major Duncan Campbell, who has arrived from Home to take up the position of general manager of the Greyhound Association (China) Ltd., not to crowd the dogs on their arrival in view of the trying voyage through the tropics and the sudden transition of the animals into a cold climate, there was a fairly large muster of curious spectators at the wharfed when the dogs were landed from the steamer Glenoglen.

The Chinese, who are such redoubtable supporters of the turf in connexion with pony racing, are taking a particular interest in the latest venture and are awaiting with a sense of lively anticipation the time when the dogs are put into training so as to equip them for the task of chasing their mechanical quarry in the shape of the electric hare which will arrive in the Glen Line steamer Glenamoy together with the requisite mechanism which is calculated to tax all the physical resources of the fleet-footed ones. The hounds will race as griffins and will be drawn for in due course by intending owners.

Traffic Trials.

As suggested in a cable dispatched by your correspondent the other day, the prolonged tramcar strike has come to an end, and the streets of the city are again reverberating with the roar and clamor of clanging bells.

Those who rely on the tramcar as their principal vehicle of conveyance to and from office are intensely relieved at the termination of this senseless strike and have heaved a sigh of merciful release from the disagreeable experience of being converted into a human sardine in overcrowded buses on the rear platform, at the height of the strike, to see no fewer than forty persons, with fully twice or three times that number jammed in the body of the bus.

The scandalous situation implied by the conditions above described is for the time being over. For the happy owners of motor cars, the temporary disappearance of the tramcars from the streets of the Settlement was in the nature of a genuine relief since it removed their main source of traffic obstruction, and for the legitimate users of the trams it was a most serious matter and subjected them to a degree of misery and inconvenience that only they themselves could really appreciate.

The question that naturally arises is whether the public are to be subjected, some time in the near or distant future, to the whims or caprices of the tramway operatives as the mood seizes them. It is being urged upon the officials of the Tramway Company that they should utilise the present breathing spell in building up the nucleus of a small though compact force of operatives on whose loyalty and devotion, in the event of a future dislocation of the service, they can place absolute reliance, and it is understood that steps to that end are being taken.

Paris.—Under the heart of Paris are mysterious caverns and tunnels long forgotten even by historians until the other day when workmen were excavating for a new hotel. The caverns once were stone quarries and the openings long since have been filled up. The new hotel will use one of them for its wine cellar.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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The execution, of Bartram Horace Kirby, aged 46, who was sentenced to death at Lincoln for the murder of his wife in a lonely bungalow at Louth, has been postponed pending an appeal. The defence at the trial was that Kirby was suffering from disease of the mind and did not know the nature of his act.

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OFFICIALS RESIGN.

LETTERS OF MR. C. C. WU AND MR. SUN FO.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.
In a letter to the Nationalist Government, dated December 28, Mr. C. C. Wu, resigned his post as the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Wu's resignation, as he himself explained, was prompted by a sense of regret "of his inability to have accomplished anything" since his acceptance of the portfolio. The Central Government, Mr. Wu pointed out, during the past few months, has not been always able "to compel the enforcement of its orders within and without," due to a state of continual internal dissension, whereas "foreign relations are" invariably intimately bound up with the state of internal affairs. Under the circumstances, Mr. Wu could find no useful purpose in his continuance in the office.

Pending the appointment of his successor by "a new administration" which is about to be ushered in, Mr. Wu, in the letter, also informed the Government that he has instructed Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, to assume temporary charge of the affairs of the Ministry.

The following is a translation of Mr. C. C. Wu's letter of resignation to the Nationalist Government:

Following the reunification of the Nanking and Hankow groups in the Party and the consequent reorganization of the Nationalist Government, I was instructed to continue to serve as Minister for Foreign Affairs. Unworthy as I am, I felt in duty bound to accept the momentous task entrusted to me in view of the fact that at that time the political situation was just being stabilised and there was an urgent call for my services. Since the establishment of the Government, however, the political situation, especially as regards the Central Government, has been continually in an unsettled state, so much so that the realisation of various plans in connexion with foreign relations has become impossible. I need scarcely point out that foreign relations are intimately wound up with the state of internal affairs. Where internal dissensions exist, diplomatic success is impossible. It is within easy recollection that soon after the Nationalist Armies captured Wu-Han, we succeeded in securing the retrocession of the Hankow and Kiangsi Concessions, and our renewed strength at that time compelled the attention of the whole world. However, when the Nanking and Hankow regimes were set against each other and the party split was in clear evidence, the efforts of both regimes in connexion with diplomatic affairs came to a practical standstill. Past facts testify conclusively to the truth of my statement.

Labouring as I have done under difficulties when the Central Government cannot always compel the enforcement of its orders within and without, I feel that, while I ought not to evade responsibility, no useful purpose can be served by my continuance in office, and I

regret my inability to have accomplished anything during the past few months. As a new administration is about to be ushered in, I deem this an opportune moment for me to tender my resignation. I request, therefore, that I may be relieved of my various offices in order that the present administration be wound up and a new regime be inaugurated.

I am permitted to express a sincere hope, as better days are approaching, for the early stabilization of the political situation and renovation of party and political affairs. Particularly, I hope that whatever obstacles have stood in the way of the conduct of foreign relations will be forthwith removed, so as to facilitate the task of the foreign minister and enable him to devote his undivided attention to his proper duties. Only under these circumstances can the diplomatic programme of Dr. Sun be realised in the near future.

I shall proceed to Shanghai on the presentation of this dispatch. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been instructed by me to assume temporary charge of the affairs of the Ministry.

Nanking, 28th December, 1927.

(Signed) CHAO-CHU WU.

Sun Fo's Resignation.

The petition for the acceptance of resignation of his post as the Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government was submitted to the Government on December 27 by Mr. Sun Fo. In the petition, Mr. Sun set forth at length the reasons compelling him to resign, of which the following is a resume.

After having reviewed the circumstances leading to his acceptance of the Finance portfolio on October 1, Mr. Sun gave the recalcitrant attitude of Anhui and Chekiang, particularly Chekiang, as the dominant reasons for his resignation. The declaration of financial independence on the part of the above-mentioned two provinces not only made Mr. Sun's scheme of financial unification impossible, but actually hampered the practical task of meeting the budget.

In the case of Anhui, the Director of the Opium Suppression Bureau and the Director of the Rolled Tobacco Tax Bureau, appointed by Mr. Sun's Ministry were prevented from taking up their posts by the illegal intervention of the military authorities of the provinces. Furthermore, Anhui established its own special Kerosene Tax Bureau, in contradistinction to the one created by the Central Government, so that the officials appointed by the Ministry could not properly function under this anomalous condition.

The Recalcitrant Provinces.

"Yet," said Mr. Sun Fo, "we could understand this of Anhui, because Anhui has always been placed under military rule; but in the case of Chekiang, which advertised itself to be under strictly civil rule, under the sponsorship of a group of scholars, the situation is more difficult to explain. The reclamation of waste land, for instance, is a function

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always reserved for the Central Government. But Chekiang expressly telegraphed the Government not to send any official for that purpose. The regulation governing the Examination of Deeds, promulgated by the Central Government, was objected to by the Chekiang authorities as conflicting with the regulations drafted by the provincial government. The establishment of the Chekiang Opium Monopoly Bureau, in the face of the Central Government's general scheme for the suppression of opium, and without the permission of the Ministry, is again an open and flagrant violation of the order of the Government. Finally, Chekiang refused even to pay over to the Central Government the monthly sum of \$500,000, on the ground that the Government still owes Chekiang Province \$70,000,000, as military funds advanced.

Mr. Sun, by way of concluding the petition, stated that he could not but construe the unparalleled action of Chekiang as either an expression of its non-confidence in the Central Government or in Mr. Sun himself as the Government's accredited Minister of Finance. In either of the above senses and also in consideration of the importance of Chekiang to the finance of the Government, Mr. Sun thought best to resign his post as the Finance Minister, which may, he hoped, clear the way for an able administration, more congenial to the recalcitrant provinces.

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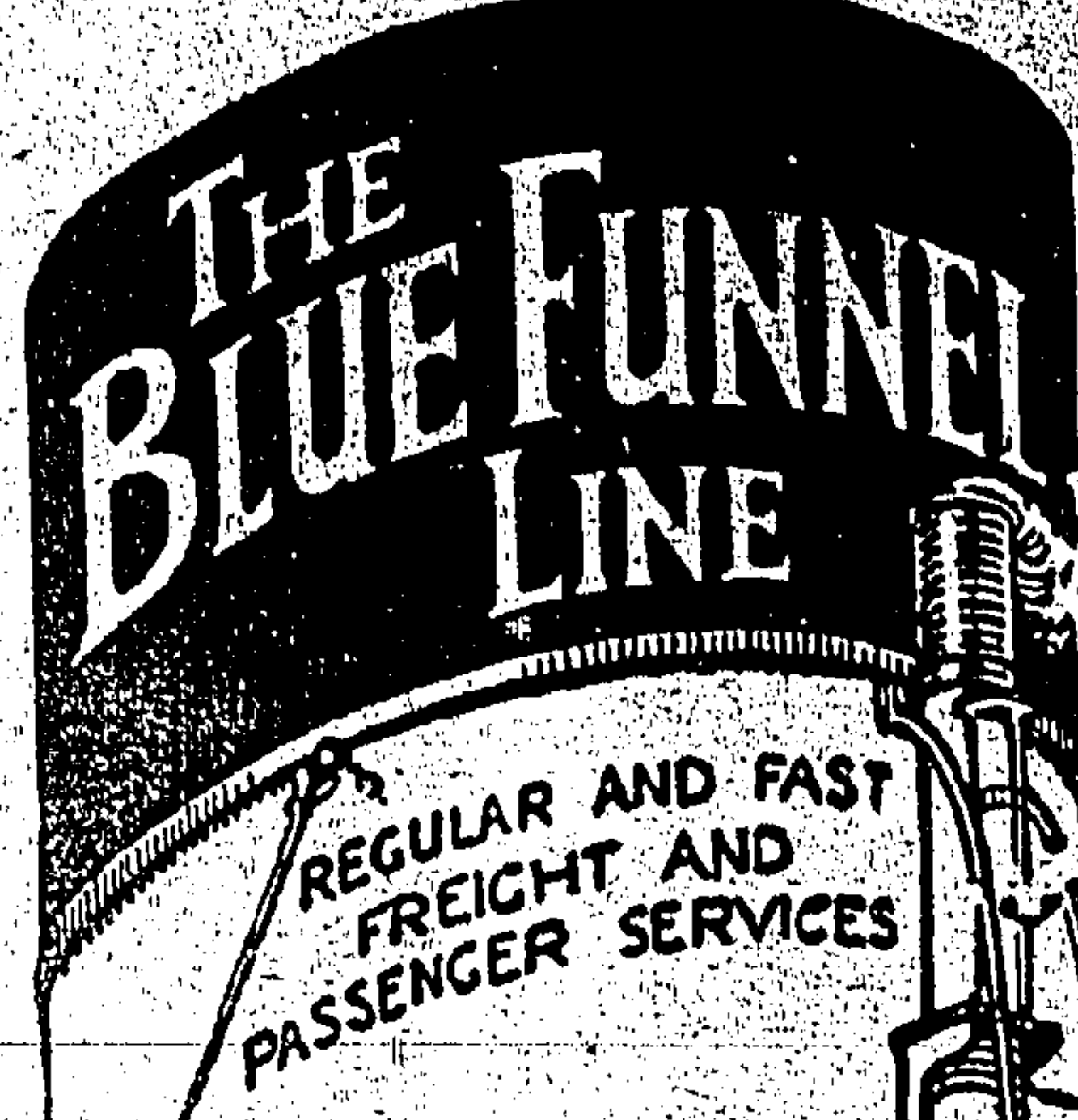
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MACAO WHARF.

WORK COMMENCED ON THE NEW PIER.

Macao, Jan. 2.

Work commenced in the New Year

on a wharf in the new port, the first

important work in the recently made

outer harbour of Macao.

The pier will be about 470 feet long

and the first 150 feet will be of

granite blocks. The pier will then be

continued for 320 feet of wooden

beams and steel girders. The width

of the pier will be about 48 feet.

The total cost will be approximately

£130,000, and it is expected that

the work will be completed in rather

less than nine months. The builders

are the Netherlands Harbour Works

Company, the builders of the port,

and who are now engaged in harbour

works at Hongkong.

It is believed that this pier will

suffice for all the immediate needs of

the new harbour and the depth of the

harbour bed on both sides of the pier

will be sufficient to enable the berthing

of vessels of even 4,000 or 5,000 tons

burthen.

Conditions regarding the use of

the wharf of vessels have not yet

been framed, but it is believed that

they will be exceedingly reasonable.—

Macao Bureau of Information and

Publicity.

ART EXHIBITION.

COLLECTION OF PICTURES FROM PEKING.

The Macao Photographic & Art

Exhibition and Contest continues

to be the centre of art circles in

Macao, and to some extent in other

parts of the East.

From Peking, through the kind

service of the Portuguese Minister,

Senhor Bianchi, a splendid collection

of pictures has been received.

These embrace many sections of

art, the photographs of many

places of historical interest, in

particular of Portuguese and early

Christian work in China. Some

of the paintings and sculptures

sent from Peking are splendid

examples in their particular sec-

tions.

Among Macao pictures are some

excellent portraits in natural

colours, so good in their branch of

photography that they are fully

deserving of a special section, not

provided for in the original condi-

tions.

Some extremely interesting

paintings of historical value are

among the many sent in. These

include a number of original Chi-

nese pictures, and others by Cap-

tain Elliot, Marciano Baptista,

Baron Cezal, and others, impor-

tant figures in art circles between

fifty and one hundred years ago.

Sketches in oils and water-col-

our from Macao and Hongkong

are among the many pictures from

the brushes of present day

painters.—Macao Bureau of In-

formation and Publicity.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

SEARCHLIGHT PRACTICE.

A notice to mariners issued by the

local authorities under date January

3, gives details of search light prac-

tices which are to be carried out dur-

ing the next three months, the au-

thority being the Officer in Charge of

Electric Lights.

On January 12, 17, 19 and 26, lights

will be burnt from 5.15 to 9 p.m.;

on February 2, 7, 9 and 13, from 5.15

to 10.30 p.m.; on February 14, 16 and

23, from 5.15 to 9 p.m.; and on

February 27 and 28, from 5.15 to

10.30 p.m. and all night on March 1

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fort manned by a garrison of dead
men—dauntless heroes fixing
sightless eyes along rifles clutched
in lifeless hands. Forty men
against four thousand! Such is
the note struck in the opening
incidents of this romance of three
brothers who leave home under
the shadow of disgrace, each sus-

pecting the other, yet not willing to
believe him guilty.
Each leaves in the dead of night,
hoping that his disappearance will
be taken as a sign of guilt.
Chance brings them together
again in the French Foreign
Legion. The events that follow
are as stirring as any ever pre-
sented on the screen and the
climax is superb. Ronald Colman
plays the title role. The other
featured players include Alice
Joyce, Noah Beery, Mary Brian,
Neil Hamilton, William Powell,
Norman Trevor, Ralph Forbes and
Victor McLaglan.

Owing to the length of the pic-
ture—10,000 feet—performances
start promptly at the special times
advertised, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15
and 9.30 and the picture begins im-
mediately after the overture.

CHANGSHA RAID.

COMMUNISTS ON THE
WARPATH.

SCHEME WHICH FAILED.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.
Word has come that a large
band of so-called Communists
started out to loot the city of
Changsha on the night of Decem-
ber 10. They broke up the rail-
way track some miles from the city
and the next train going over that
section had three or four cars
derailed and many people killed
or seriously injured. They at-
tacked the North Gate electric
power house and expected to at-
tack the south end plant at the
same time, so that the city would
be in entire darkness for their foul
work.

The south plant was not injured
and soldiers were able to attack
the rioters and disperse them. One
policeman was killed. Twenty-
three of the leaders have been ar-
rested and seven or eight killed.
Most of them were students and
workmen.

Opposition to Kwangsi.

The political situation seems to
be most difficult to understand at
present. Rumour is abroad that
there is a union of Hunan Generals
against two or three of the Kwang-
si generals, and it is even hinted
that the 8th and 36th Armies, both
stationed in almost the same ter-
ritory in Hunan, are on the point
of hostilities. Communications be-
tween Hankow and Changsha are
very poor at present. The trains
are only running to Yochow and
the bridge beyond has not yet been
repaired.

Dr. E. D. Vanderburgh was
called back to Shanghai recently
by the illness of Mrs. Vanderburgh,
and was caught on the river in a
small launch just as the retreating
Hunan armies were coming in. It
took him eleven days to get from
Changsha to Hankow and he was
in danger of his life most of the
time, because of the commandeering
of the launches and also be-
cause the soldiers fired on all sorts
of craft on the river as they were
retreating.

U. S. Mission Occupied.

The soldiers are occupying the
boys' school, three private residen-
ces and the Community Guild be-
longing to the American Presby-
terian Mission in this city. Pro-
clamations signed by the com-
manding officer were placed on the
buildings but were absolutely
ignored and these already damaged
buildings are being further ruined
by the soldiers. The electric
light equipment of the guild is
ruined, the beds and furniture of
the school are being taken out and
some of the furniture and wood-
work of the buildings taken for
firewood. The registration of
property has gone on throughout
the province; the mission property
does not have to pay any taxes at
present.

The Commissioner of Foreign
Affairs at Changsha left for Han-
kow recently, because of the un-
settled situation, it being reported
that some of his critics think he
is too pro-foreign and is helping
the foreigners too much, so he
became a little nervous over the
situation in Hunan.

MARINE INQUIRY.

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The pilot's evidence was cor-
roborative of the Chief Officer's,
except that the pilot reiterated
that sound signals had been made,
but whether one or two blasts, or
made by the Kwong Fook Cheong
or the On Lee, it was impossible
to ascertain with any degree of
definiteness.

Witness further stated that
although Mr. Wilson was in
charge, he (witness) gave helm
and engine orders. Cross-
examined by Mr. Hall Brutton, he
reversed this. The President then
ordered witness to stand down,
expressing the opinion that his
evidence was extremely unsatis-
factory and without value.

An Objection.

Mr. Bousfield, late Chief Officer
of the On Lee and now master
of the vessel, was called, but
protested on being called before the
Court at such short notice. He
stated that it was only two hours
since he had received the summons
to attend and this had been insuf-
ficient time for the engagement of
legal assistance.

The President agreed that in
view of the possibility of
jeopardizing an officer's cer-
tificate, it was only right
and proper that reasonable
time should be allowed for the pre-
paration of a defence and the en-
gagement of legal assistance.

The clerk of the Court testified
to the despatch of summonses, and
the Court accepted the possibility
of delays in delivery over the hol-
iday.

Mr. Bousfield assented to an ad-
journment until 2.30 this afternoon
in preference to a re-assembling of
the Court until to-morrow, thus
delaying the ship.

The Court resumed at 2.30 this
afternoon.

SHAMEEN DEFENCE PRECAUTIONS.



The above picture shows sandbag defences in position
in the French Concession at Shameen. (Photo by Meri La
Voy, Pathe-News).

CONTRACTOR SUES
LANDLORD.

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the supplementary contract and
that there was no liability on the
defendant to pay. They also
claimed that a portion of the items
were included in the original con-
tract. Mr. Jenkins submitted that
no item covered by the additional
work tenders was covered by the
original contract and that they
were true "extras" in every sense
of the word.

On August 1st, 1925, \$12,000
was paid on account generally and
\$3,000 on account of the sanitary
arrangements. On August 19th
the plaintiffs presented two bills
to the defendants, one being for
\$23,400 odd for extra work and one
for balance due under the contract
of \$9,000. A further \$2,000 was paid
on the latter on August 27th, there-
by reducing the \$9,000 to \$7,000.

When approached with regard to
the money for the extra work, the
defendant said it seemed excessive
and intimated that he would be pre-
pared to pay an amount estimated
by a foreign firm of architects.
With regard to that, Messrs.
Denison, Ram, and Gibbs made a
report on September 12th, 1925, of
which they sent a copy to both the
plaintiff and the defendant.
The case is proceeding.

THE U. S. PRESIDENCY.

DEMOCRATS PREPARE FOR
CONVENTION.

Washington, Dec. 26.
When the Democratic national
committee meets in Washington in
mid-January its members probably
will be asked to consider once
again whether the rule requiring
a two thirds vote for nomination
of a presidential candidate should
be abolished.

Chairman Shaver and other
party managers take the view that
the question whether a bar-
majority or two thirds of the con-
vention should nominate is one for
the convention itself to decide, but
there is increasing talk about the
capital that the committee itself
may be sounded out on the subject
during its session here.

The primary purpose of the
January gathering is to select a
convention city. Already, how-
ever, other features have been ad-
ded to the tentative programme.
Including a Jackson day banquet
at which the prospective Democratic
presidential candidates will be
put through their paces, as after
dinner speakers.

Some of the most determined op-
ponents of the candidacy of Gov-
ernor Smith of New York are op-
posing any deviation from the two
thirds rule, but Senator Walsh, of
Montana, who has not been
friendly to the Smith cause, and
who served as chairman of the 1924
convention, has said he favours
nomination by simple majority,
"regardless of whom it may help."

Another senate dry, Senator
Caraway of Arkansas, is a pro-
ponent of the two thirds rule, but
he said that he believed enough
votes had been pledged to secure
its abandonment. He added that
if a majority rule were adopted,
he believed Smith would be
nominated, while if the two thirds
rule were maintained, Smith would
not.

Other Democrats, including
some from the South where the
ranks are fairly solid for retention
of the two thirds rule, are pre-
pared to fight the abolition
move, declaring, in some instances,
their willingness to have the party
adopt the change at this con-
vention to take effect four years
hence.

Whether a two thirds vote of the
convention would be required to
kick over the two thirds rule is a
matter of speculation. Some be-
lieve that a majority vote of the
convention can suspend the rule.

SWATOW COMMUNISTS
ACTIVE.

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ed on his journey, nor can one
know what charge was brought
against him. Two others were
schoolboys who in terror had left
their native place, and were just
arrested because they were on the
move and did not know the Com-
munist pass-words into the vil-
lages. These pass-words are
changed every day, and ignorance
of them is in itself sufficient to in-
cur the death penalty.

Lost for Blood.

In Hailien, the place newly
taken by the Communists, execu-
tion gangs have been instructed
to account for 20 heads a day, and
the lost for blood has now be-
come such that it is merely a ques-
tion of killing, irrespective of
other considerations. There is
said to have been a serious reac-
tion among the farmers, and these
have turned in self-defence and in
desperation are resisting the
gangs.

The Phou-leung Communists
crossed the river at Kityang and
burnt a village two days ago. As
this is on a route where troops are
continually on the move, the ac-
tion indicates considerable confi-
dence on the part of the aggressors.

AMERICAN
PROSPERITY.PRESIDENT COOLIDGE
SANGUINE.

Washington, Jan. 3.
President Coolidge, with a swollen
wrist bandaged owing to New
Year's handshakes, received pres-
men to-day, and expressed the
opinion that the United States had
every reason to look forward to a
prosperous year, because employ-
ment had improved, the railways
were purchasing more equipment,
the motor industry was more ac-
tive, and there was a plentiful sup-
ply of credits at a low rate of
interest—a factor enabling indus-
try and commerce adequately to
finance any expansion contemplated.
—Reuter's American Service.

SEVERE COLD IN U.S.

MANY DEATHS IN SOUTH.

New York, Jan. 3.
Following a mild Christmas, the
United States is now suffering
from severe cold.
Many parts in the middle-west
are covered with four or five feet
of snow. There has been great
suffering in the South where many
have perished from the cold in
their homes.—Reuter's American
Service.

YANGTZE PATROL.

CHANGE OF U. S. DIVISION.

Manila, Jan. 3.
The 45th Destroyer Division is
being sent to China to relieve the
43rd, which has been patrolling the
Yangtze since October 16th.—
Reuter.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
1. Southern hemisphere. 2. (a) The study
of history from fossils; (b) the study of fish;
(c) the study of animal tissues or microscopic
anatomy. 3. Capital of Queensland, Australia;
province of Alberta, Canada; Cape Province,
South Africa; important seaport of Ceylon,
capital of Tasmania. 4. She was turned into
a laurel. 5. Walter Savage Landor; Shelley;
Edgar Allan Poe; A. E. Housman. 6. Not
unless the inn is full, or the traveller is not
in a fit condition to be accommodated, or can-
not pay the charges. 7. A writ issued by a
court of law, demanding the presence of a
person as a particular place and time, under a
penalty for default. 8. Mr. M. G. Norman;
Sir P. Curlew-Lister; Hon. Sir Eric Drum-
mond. 9. Shipbuilding; engineering; artificial
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